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ADD 4 MORE DAYS TO WINTER TERM

May have to close 1 nursing centre

By TIM MASON

Students attending the Niagara Falls Nursing Education Centre at Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls may be attending classes at the Mack School of Nursing in St. Catharines next year.

This is only one of many alternatives college administrators are considering in a cost-benefit analysis being carried out at present.

The college president Anthony Manera, said severe financial restrictions faced by the college as well as reductions in program enrolment have caused Niagara to review the nursing centre's total operation.

Mr. Manera said in a telephone interview Feb. 15 it was premature to say just what the result of the analysis would be, but did say transferring students from the centre in Niagara Falls to the Mack School of Nursing was the most logical solution.

"Until all the facts are in, there is no way of knowing what the decisions will be," Mr. Manera said.

RESULTS LATER

Results of the analysis will be made available later.

If the Niagara Falls nursing centre switches to St. Catharines, Greater Niagara General will lose rental for classrooms now in use in the former nurses residence, Peter R. Carruthers, hospital president, said. Mr. Carruthers agreed with Mr. Manera that it was too early to make any judgements as to what the analysis will suggest.

Last November, a ministry of health ruling closed the student residence situated on the second floor of the nursing centre. Seventeen female students occupied the residence, large enough to accommodate 90 students, Mr. Carruthers said.

He said the Niagara hospital lost $10,000 last year on the student residence. The ministry ruled any loss incurred by a hospital regarding student residences would result in patient care costs rising to make up the deficit.

SAC hopes to provide more student bursaries

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is looking into the possibility of providing additional scholarship awards to graduates this year.

"I looked at how much money we have and thought it should go back to the students," Adam Mascai, SAC president said.

Last year, SAC awarded $500 to graduate students in the form of scholarship awards. This year, Adam said he would like to see that amount double.

Debbie Cole, SAC vice-president of finance, will look into the number of students deserving of scholarship awards. SAC is also considering offering awards in areas that are not necessarily academic and wants suggestions from the student body for areas in which they could offer awards this year.

NEWS survey to seek readers' likes, dislikes

A survey is being conducted by marketing management students to try to determine what Niagara College students like and dislike about the Niagara News.

Austin Jelbert, co-ordinator of the journalism program, spoke to the students on Wednesday, Feb. 16, to give them an idea of what the newspaper's objectives are.

The idea of the survey originated in a class discussion among journalism students as to what students in other programs find interesting in the NIagara News.

The marketing students will try to find out if the readers of the paper are satisfied with the stories, and what kind of stories they would like to read.

Robert Young, marketing instructor, will be co-ordinator of the survey.

His '$100,000' brings him woe

Brian Green, English instructor, was interviewed as one of the big winners in the Wintario draw of Feb. 17 by CHOW Thursday night news announcer Brian Green.

Mr. Green taped the interview with himself in between newscasts when he found out he had won. "It excited me terribly because I never won anything before," he said.

In the interview Mr. Green said he might buy a Jaguar ,pay off his mortgage and take a trip to Hawaii with his winnings. At the end of the 40-second interview he admitted the true value of his ticket—only $25!

But many people missed the tag line at the end of the interview, Mr. Green said. A rumor started that the instructor had won $100,000 in the draw was seemingly confirmed when Mr. Green did not show up for work Friday because he was sick.

The intended humor backfired, Mr. Green said. some people are still believing it.

To make up classes hit by January snow

By DENNY BUNYAN

Four days have been added to the academic term at the end of April to make up for time missed due to winter storms. Normally the term would have ended April 22. With the four-day extension, it will now end April 28.

A.S. Manera, college president, said the decision to extend the term was made at the academic committee meeting Feb. 15.

CLOSED FOUR DAYS

The snowstorm that hit the peninsula Jan. 28 was the main reason for the extension. As a result of that storm 2½ days of classes were cancelled. That combined with weather conditions that forced school closing on two separate occasions before the storm constitute four days that "have to be made up," Mr. Manera said.

Mr. Manera said he had discussed the extension with the President's Student Advisory Committee and it was generally agreed "there was really no alternative."

"It is impossible to see how students will react to this," Mr. Manera said.

He said most instructors he

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spoke with felt something had to be done to make up the lost time.

"If it had just been one day, there would be no problem making it up," Mr. Manera said. "But when you get to four days..."

HARDEST HIT

Monday and Friday classes were hit hardest because the college was forced to close twice on a Monday and once on a Friday, Mr. Manera said.

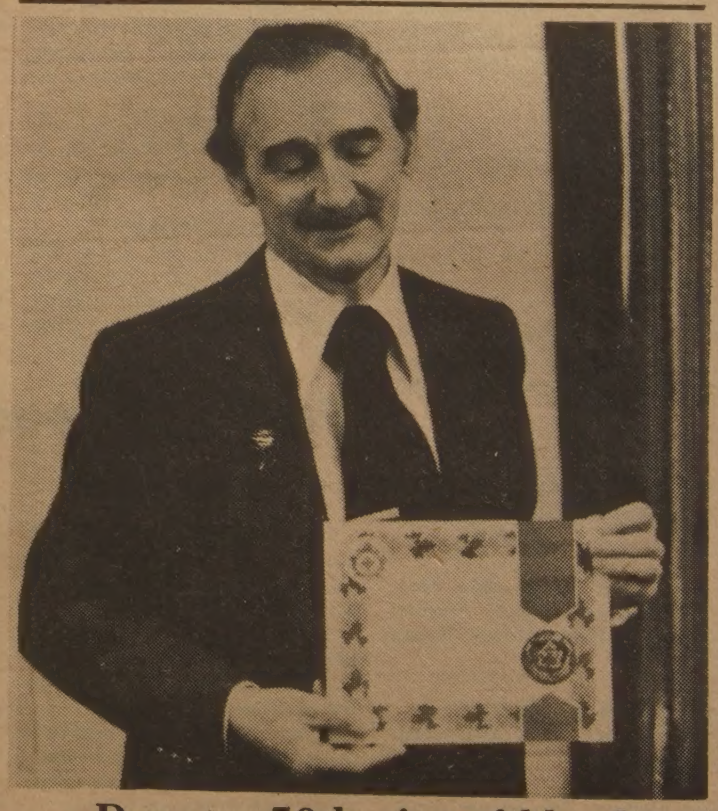
To compensate for this, the timetable of Tuesday April 26 will be switched to a Friday timetable to make up for classes lost on Jan. 28.

As far as he knows, this type of extension has never occurred before at Niagara, Mr. Manera said.

"We had to do something, otherwise the students would have been shortchanged," he said.

Some thought had been given to cancelling the spring break but Mr. Manera felt this would not have allowed students enough time to change plans that had already been made for that weekend.

"By making this change at the end of the academic year, there is enough time so that students can make plans accordingly," Mr. Manera said. "This way they are getting two months advance notice."



Donates 50th pint of blood

The human body contains 16 pints of blood and Archie Jamieson, technology instructor, has just received a Red Cross award for contributing 50. Students will have a chance to donate blood this Friday in the gym from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

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EDITORIALS

Is this club for you?

We're forming an Apathy Club and we're looking for new members.

The club has had four or five meetings already and I cannot tell you what happened because I didn't attend any of them, even though I'm the president. I won by acclamation—nobody else wanted the job.

It didn't really matter that the president didn't show up, because none of the members did either.

We don't have a constitution becuase no one volunteered to write one. It was just as well we didn't have any meetings because no one wanted to record the minutes of them, and, after all, no one ever voices an opinion or makes suggestions.

If you join this club, it will not cost you any money. Well, that's not exactly true because you did pay $35 to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) in September to support clubs like ours. But what the hell! What's $35, right? I mean what would you do with such a small amount like that this late in the year anyway?

The club is not planning any social functions this year because no one would organize them. There will be no trips or parties, and, in general, nothing will get done.

It's a real shame though that more people don't join our club because I look around the campus and see that "good old school apathy spirit," and it just makes me want to *SIT DOWN* and cheer.

With all this natural ability for apathetic non-action around, our organization could be the best in the college, if only somebody did something.

But not me, man. That's not my job.

Paul Kreamer

Only 19.6% are free

Apathy. It's spreading through our Western culture like cancer through a body.

The whole idea behind the democratic system is that the vast majority of people are involved in the selection and running of our government.

When the population of the country does not care any longer then the creaking and splitting of democracy can be heard and seen.

An editorial in the Evening Tribune on Feb. 8 published the fact that only 19.6 per cent of the world's population of three billion live in freedom, 36.4 per cent enjoy only partial freedom and 43.9 per cent are not free. The remaining 0.1 per cent are people in remote areas where freedom is a meaningless word.

The statistics were compiled by Inter American Press Association and Freedom House of New York whose latest figures show the lowest percentage of free people since they started its surveys in 1972. Then, 32 per cent of the world's population were reported as free.

A non-controlled press and open elections were the criteria for determining freedom, because without one you cannot have the other. When a government has barred you from such basic rights as freedom of speech and the type of political system you are to be governed by, then you no longer have liberty.

If you say that this could never happen in Canada then just remember that figure of 32 per cent in 1972, and how it dropped to 19.6 in 1977.

If Canada falls—then George Orwell's world of 1984 will not be too far behind.

Now, does anyone want to join the Niagara College Apathy Club.

Paul Kreamer

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"Awareness of our heritage is one thing... but isn't this a little far back in communications?"

BULLPIT:

Whither the monarchy?

Con: We don't need a Queen

By PAUL KREAMER

Queen Elizabeth II, sovereign ruler of Great Britain and the British Commonwealth, is celebrating her silver anniversary as monarch this year.

That is 25 years too long. In fact, the entire rule of the House of Windsor has been much too long, as have been the rules of kings and queens throughout Europe, and any place else they inhabit the Earth.

How can countries in the year 1977 subscribe to such an archaic structure that was set up during the feudal system in what was known as the Dark Ages?

The right to rule by merely being born into the royal family is as outdated as knights, castles, dragons and holy crusades. They all belong to another era.

The explorers, and later soldiers, who went forth from England and Europe to conquer new territories and build empires for rulers did so with the rifle and not the law book.

But, as with all other dominions throughout history, they were built with someone else's sweat, tears, toil and blood.

Today, as the English economy continues to slide downward, you have to wonder if the thousands of pounds poured in monthly to keep the Royal family in luxury could not be put to better use. I am sure the average Briton could sorely use a slice of the Royal bill to help him stay ahead of the ever-rising cost of living in the stagnating socialist economy.

Canada is in no need of a queen. The native people have no need for the English sovereign. French Canadians have never liked the idea of English rule, and proved so in their last provincial election.

The vast majority of the hyphenated non-British Canadians neither care nor think of the queen as their own.

If the British sovereign is so important to Canada, and to you, then what is the name of her representative in Canada in the person of the Governor-General?

We are the prototype nation of the future. Why do we bog ourselves down with decaying institutions?

Pro: We need a head of state

By PHIL WILSON

It has become fashionable of late to attack the monarchy and its representative in Canada, the Governor-General.

The monarchy is attacked as being obsolete, expensive and distasteful to people of non-English backgrounds.

It may be all of these, and it is certainly not without its drawbacks. However, its attackers rarely look at its good points.

Any country needs a head of state that can represent the whole country. In our parliamentary system, the Prime Minister represents only those people who support the party in power and at the present time that is considerably less than half the people in Canada.

The Governor-General represents all the people of Canada and is a non-political entity. Visiting heads of state are greeted by the Governor-General as a representative of the people of Canada.

As to the canard that no family has the right to rule over the people, bah! No ruling sovereign today, with one or two minor exceptions, is anything more than a constitutional monarch, a figurehead and nothing more.

While it is rarely used, the monarchy is also the final check in our system of checks and balances and as such is an integral part of the way our system of government is run.

While its basis is British, the position of Governor-General has been held by various notable French Canadiens.

It is a necessary part of our government, and unless someone can come up with a reasonable alterantive, it should remain.

By the way, the Governor-General's name is Jules Leger.

OPINIONS

Are lotteries an illusion?

By NELLE OOSTEROM

There's something inherently wrong with lotteries but right now it's pretty hard to say just what it is.

Is it the way they're advertised? That hard-sell, get-rich-quick, this-can-all-be-yours approach? For just a dollar you can buy a chance to own what you know you might never be able to afford.

Swimming pools, yachts, cadillacs and trips to Acapulco. A living room suite or maybe the down payment on a house. This can all be yours for the price of one ticket.

Is it those catchy little slogans?

"Your chance to win a million!" "Maybe this time it will be you!" "What would you do with a million dollars?"

What wouldn't I do with a million dollars?

Is there something wrong with the way the winners are portrayed? Their eyes almost drip with gratitude and the only words they can think of are, "I won! I won!"

Is there something wrong with the theatrics which go into the draw? Those little numbered balls rolling slowly into their slots. Very scientific.

Lotteries are fun because they are the vehicles for our fantasies. They're our fiscal fairy tales, our cash-coated dreams.

Is there something wrong with the fact that they are, after all, only an illusion? After the numbers are called, millions rip their tickets and wait for the next time.

Next time it could be you.

There's something inherently wrong with lotteries, but right now it's pretty hard to say just what it is.

We've already paid for SAC's 'cheap' service

By KAREN MONCK

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) offers a "cheap" copying service to students.

For five cents, the 20th part of a dollar, only one thin nickel, any student in the college can have a copy of his favorite document made by our friendly neighborhood SAC.

This is a new service available to students this year for the first time. AND it is available for only half the price of duplicating services in the library where the greedy coin-fed machine sucks down a whole dime for one copy.

A layout of a mere $7,235.41 was necessary for SAC to purchase the Gestetner Offset duplicating machine now in use in the SAC office. One might think it was a very generous SAC that spent so much just so we could have our precious documents copied for only five cents, except that the money to buy the machine came out of the SAC contingency fund, made up entirely of student activity fees — yours and mine.

PAID $3.84

That means that every full-time day student on Woodlawn campus (the only ones who can conveniently use the service) paid $3.84 of their student activity fees towards the purchase of the machine. Symbolically, each one of us has already deposited 77 nickels into the machine. So, if we all, each one of us, make only 78 copies of something on the SAC machine, we can each save a whole nickel more than the cost of using the machine in the library.

Cheap, huh?

At a Dec. 7 closed meeting of the SAC board of directors, the board passed a motion to transfer funds for the Gestetner from the contingency fund to the office equipment fund. At that time, the Gestetner had already been purchased and was snugly installed in the SAC office.

SAC executive members approved the purchase of the machine at a meeting consisting only of themselves. No division representatives voted to spend the money.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT

Nowhere in the minutes of any general meeting is there an announcement of the purchase and to the best of my knowledge, having attended every general SAC meeting as a reporter, no announcement was ever made.

The five-cent a copy charge for duplicating, according to Adam Macsai, SAC president, is to cover the cost of materials used in the process.

If SAC were willing to spend more than $7,000 on the copying machine—without informing the student body either before or after the fact—it seems to me they should also supply the materials for copying.

Adam predicts a surplus of funds to the tune of about $30,000 this year. Surely to dip into that for the cost of materials would not make a disturbing dent.

I wonder, also if the SAC executive pay five cents each for copies of anything they want.

Letter to the editor

Congratulations!

The Editor

Would you convey a word of congratulations to all who were involved in the production of the last two editions of the Niagara News. The special storm edition, published under a very short deadline, and the latest edition were both very attractive and readable papers. The quality of the photographs, in particular, was excellent.

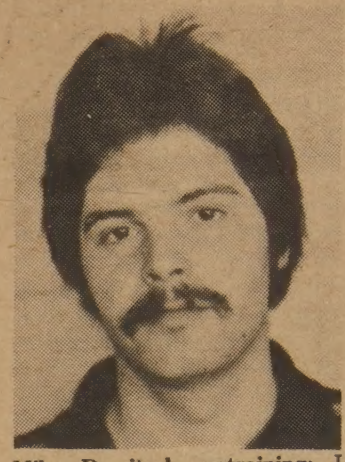
If the students can keep up the good work when they go weekly, it will certainly prove that they are ready for a promotion to a better paying job!

D.J. Malone
Chairman
Communication Arts Dept.

Roving Reporter

By ANGUS MIDDLEMISS AND LYNNE VANTILBORG

What do you think about finishing classes on Apr. 28 instead of April 22.

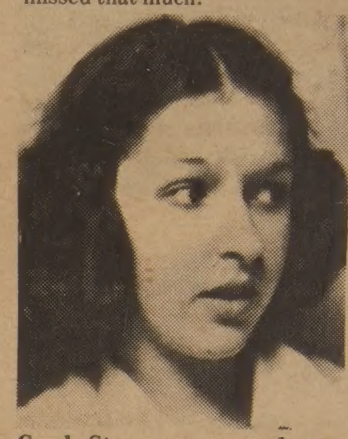


Mike Domitrek, retraining: I don't know if it affects me but I would be for it.

Catherine Chambers, first year library technician: I don't know what I think. It's all right if our field practice is set. They can extend classes but we won't be able to go. We'll be working.

Pacifico Cecchetti, second year electrical technician: It's okay because we're going to need more time. We've got quite a lot of work to get done and not a lot of time to do it.

Gaston Girard, third year mechanical engineering: I think it's crazy, really. I don't think we missed that much.

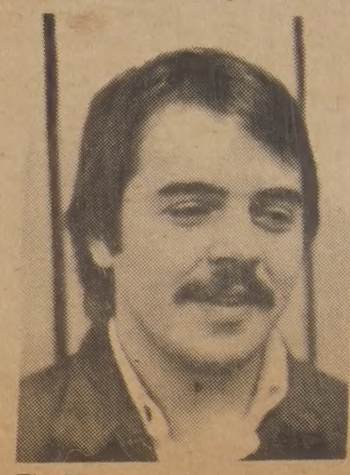


Carol Stevenson, second year early childhood: I dont't think it's right. It's not our fault it snowed. It makes me mad. I thought it was just a rumor.

Connie Bartone, first year business administration: I think it's a good idea because we lost out on a lot of classes and everything's being crammed in.

Brian Corish, third year mechanical technician: THEY'RE WHAT? I'm not pleased.

Dinah Bysterbosch, first year secretarial arts: I think it's all right to have classes extended. We do need the time. We're behind in all our subjects.



Tim Morrison, third year mechanical engineering technology: Are they? I won't come. I'm going on vacation.

Rob Stanclik, third year business administraion: No, I don't think students should be jeopardized because of the snow storm. I don't think they should go to school for an extra week.

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WILLARD WRIGHT

Fought off 400 savages to save Maid Marian

Custer's Last Stand was minuscule compared to the situation Willard Wright, human relations instructor, found himself in a few weeks ago.

Students might have seen Mr. Wright moving about the halls in his people-powered vehicle more commonly referred to as a wheelchair, and wondering how he received his injuries. Mr. Wright was only too happy to explain the circumstances.

"I was fighting off 400 savages in an attempt to save Maid Marian from distress, and took seven arrows in the knee," Mr. Wright said. In truth, the circumstances were not as dramatic but just as painful.

TORE LIGAMENT

Mr. Wright tore a major ligament in his knee when he slipped and fell on an ice patch on his way home from school.

"I was just walking home, minding my own business, and down I went—I felt everything pop," Mr. Wright said. As a result he has been in a cast for three weeks and is confined to a wheelchair.

Mr. Wright said he is teaching classes as usual and found no difficulties getting around the campus. "There are always people around willing to push and pull," he said.

He is up on crutches now.

Although being in a cast is not exactly fun and games, it can be made easier by the get well messages of friends. Such was the case for Mr. Wright, whose condition inspired one "friend" to write the following verse. "May the fleas of a thousand camels infest your kneecap."

Restaurant student proves never too old to learn

By TIM MASON

For anyone to return to school after many years is an achievement in itself; for him to return to school after many years and win a coveted award for extraordinary prowess in his field of study, is yet an additional acheivement.

Such a person is 55-year-old John Ford, a graduating hotel and restaurant student in Niagara Falls, who last month was awarded the Canadian Restaurant Association Foundation Bursary Award of $250 and commemorative scroll.

Mr. Ford, described by hotel and restaraunt co-ordinator Derek Barnett as "an excellent student," was unanimously nominated for the award from more than a dozen students by faculty and dean for outstanding leadership abilities, attitude, and aptitude, and a unique talent for getting along with people.

The association then required a photograph, biographical outline and essay by Mr. Ford of 400 words on a particular facet of the hospitality industry.

COMPLEX TOPIC

Mr. Barnett said Mr. ford's topic concerned a very complex phase of hotel management, food and beverage control. Mr. Ford said he became interested in food and beverage control two summers ago when working at the Skylon Tower.

"Food and beverage control is definitely a necessity in the operation of any establishment," Mr. Ford explained. "If there are controls and the staff knows about them, then it will cut down on such things as internal theft and waste, and a business will begin to realize its greater potential."

When his third year is complete, Mr. Ford wants to work in central or Northern Ontario, or one of the prairie provinces, as a food and beverage manager. "I think it's a challenge, it makes you feel like you've really accomplished something when you can cut down the cost of the operation."

The award is open to all graduating students in hospitality programs at community colleges.

SCARY AT FIRST

A native of Welland where he still lives, Mr. Ford is a former salesman and shipper's dispatcher. He described returning to college as "very, very scary" at first, but admits, "Now I'm very satisfied with the way things have turned out. I've sort of proven a point that your never too old to learn."

Mr. Barnett said, "I'm very pleased John won the CRA award. There are quite a few third year students deserving of awards for various reasons, but the fact that John was selected is most appropriate as John has definite commitment towards food and beverage management."

Mr. Barnett agreed it was a genuine accomplishment by Mr. Ford to return to school and exhibit such outstanding skills, noting that "in the past, there have been many students over 30 who fell by the wayside," but added Mr. Ford was not given any special consideration because of his age.

What will he do with the $250? "It'll come in handy for taxes and insurance purposes," Mr. Ford said.

SAC contributes to time capsule

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) announced its contributions to the time capsule to be buried on campus as part of the college's decennial celebrations.

SAC will provide a color film of the anniversary pageant and special documents such as yearbooks, the SAC constitution, their charter and orientation books for placement in the capsule.

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Silver Helmet Award

Kathy Renwald [centre], a former Niagara journalism student, received a Silver Helmet award from the Hamilton Volunteer Firefighters recently. Miss Renwald won the award for a fire story she wrote for Hamilton radio station CKOC. Miss Renwald is employed by CKOC and does some writing for the Hamilton Spectator.

Murray Rock [front] and Gordon Gray [back] received citizen awards.

Students study 3rd world under expanding WUSC

An international students' organization dedicated to helping underdeveloped areas is trying to set up a local chapter at Niagara.

World University Service of Canada (WUSC), is the Canadian branch of World University Service.

Colin Reaney, 21 and a Brock politics graduate, was at Niagara recently showing a film and meeting students.

Until recently, WUSC was strictly a university organization, but Mr. Reaney said WUSC is now expanding to colleges and polytechnical institutes.

WUSC's objectives are to "increase awareness of Third World countries and developing areas in Canada" Mr. Reaney said.

Mr. Reaney hoped the film, Five Minutes to Midnight, would stimulate interest in WUSC at Niagara.

"It's not a perfect film, but it is a provocative film," he said.

Mr. Reaney hoped the film, "one of the best on international development," would encourage staff and students to get together and form a branch of WUSC on campus.

Mr. Reaney said that WUSC not only was good for the areas that it helped, but also helped the students involved in their academic careers.

WUSC sponsors seminars to developing countries and various areas of Canada. In these seminars, students spend four weeks researching and studying problems in the areas assigned to them.

This year, students will spend four weeks in Acadia, the predominantly French speaking area of the Maritimes. Cost for students is about $1,000, $500 of which will be financed by WUSC.

The 26 students and three faculty members chosen wil be selcted from all over Canada from applications received by WUSC.

Bilingualism is a must, however, as the working language of the seminar will be French. Mr. Reaney pointed out that WUSC was one of the first non-governmental organizations to institute a firm policy of bilingualism.

Students are also able to work anywhere in the world through WUSC. Students with appropriate skills are sent to developing countries throughout the world as United Nations volunteers. Students who volunteer for these programs are sent to work in countries for a period of two years.

World University services began in 1920 for the purpose of helping relocate university students in Europe. It is based in Geneva, Switzerland.

WUSC, the Canadian branch, was started in 1939 and has more than 800 members across the country.

Energy conservation not working at N/C

By NELLE OOSTEROM

Energy consumption has not gone down at the college, despite requests made last December to conserve electricity, Jack Spittle, manager of property and plant, said.

Initially, reaction to conservation measures was favorable but carelessness has returned, he said.

"One Friday afternoon I walked through the corridors of the Simcoe building and all the lights were on but there wasn't a soul in the place," he said. "It was then I sent out a second announcement through the college on the need to conserve energy."

UP %? PER CENT

The Welland campus spent $60,000 on fuel and $96,000 on light, power and water last year. Fuel prices went up 20 per cent in January but these don't mean much to college staff or student, he said.

"They don't have to pay the bill at the end of the month."

In mid-January, Dennis Timbrell, Ontario minister of energy, stated that restrictive controls will be introduced if energy consumption is not reduced.

It's possible that restrictive controls could come to the college in the form of energy quotas, Mr. Spittle said. If these quotas are not met, power blackouts could occur.

"In the 1950s, there were actual blackouts," he said. "No power was available for domestic or commercial use between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m."

SENT MEMO

Mr. Spittle stated in a memo to college administrators that the college could "defer the need for controls" by attending to energy conservation.

"Hopefully, through constant reminders, our whole thinking will be geared towards conservation."

He sets an example in his own office by seldom turning on the lights during the day. At home, the thermostat is never set above 70 degrees.

"It's surprising how you can get accustomed to a lower lighting and temperature level, especially if you wear a sweater."

CUT LIGHTS

At Niagara, steps have been taken to reduce waste. During the past year, lighting has been decreased in college corridors. Only every other light is turned on. Temperatures are kept between 70 and 72 degrees. Staff and students are constantly reminded to turn off lights and machines when not in use.

"There are only a certain number of things we can do.

Collectively, we should become aware of the seriousness of the energy situation.

"It's a national, not a local, problem."

Drama finals here

Niagara College Theatre Centre will be the host for the finals of this year's Niagara District Secondary School Drama Festival.

The four winners from the play competitions being held at Brock, will be presented at Niagara on March 6. The competitions at Brock were held on Feb. 23, 24 and 25 in the Noon Hour Theatre of the Thistle complex.

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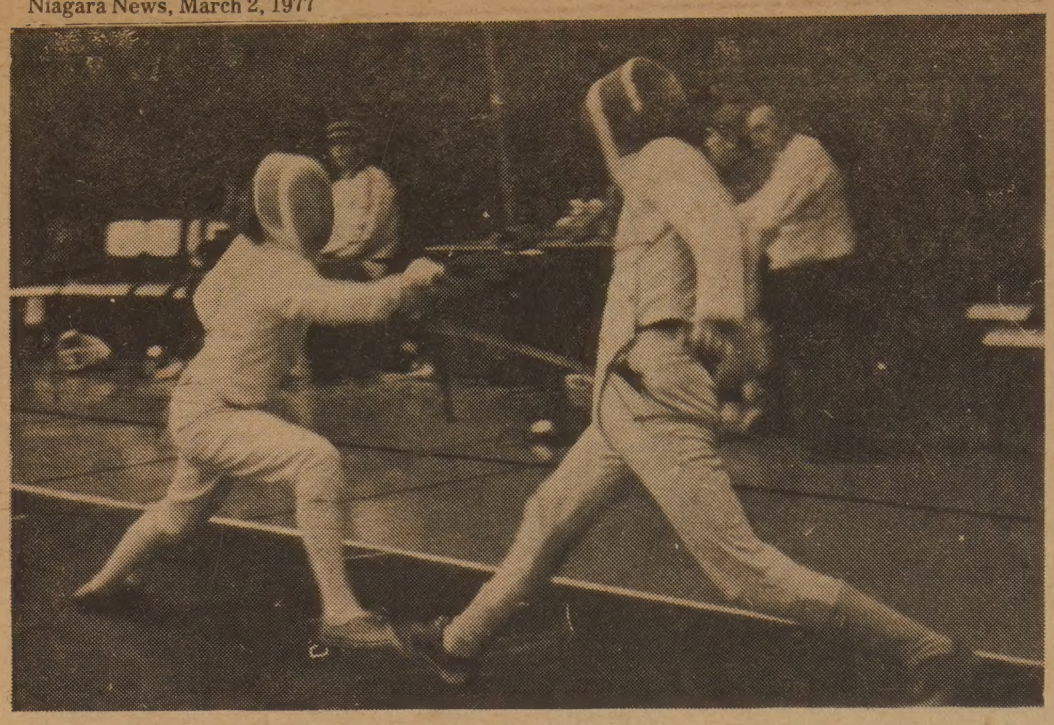

FENCING

JEFF CLENDENNING, LONDON, fencer, lunges forward in an attempt to score a hit on James McKillip, Toronto. Clendenning failed in this attempt and later lost the match as his opponent scored the first five hits. This fencing event took place during the Winter Games at St. Joseph's Separate School on Feb. 14.

SKIING

Flying through the air upside-down is not unusual for **RANDY TUTTON,** Toronto. Tutton shows his winning form during the Freestyle-Aerials in the Ontario Winter Games. He is shown here executing a "front-end suicide" in the Ontario Winter Games held in North Bay.

CURLING

WILLIAM [WHIP] MOORE sweeps frantically to place a block in front of one of his rocks. Moore's rink, from Thornhill, representing Southern Ontario, placed third in the fourth Ontario Winter Games at North Bay. Barry Acton and his rink from Uxbridge collected the gold medal in winning the event.

In North Bay

1,800 participated in Winter Games

NORTH BAY—More than 1,800 young men and women from six regions of the province put out their athletic best in participating in the 1977 Ontario Winter Games Feb. 11 to 14.

The fourth games of their kind, these were termed a success by all, although the weather was not co-operative.

"Things ran smooth as silk. The Games were a real credit to the organizers, the many volunteers who make it all possible," Dave Saad, one of the chief organizers, said.

Public acceptance of the varied sports program was "just fantastic for North Bay," he said. "Turnout of spectators for all events was unbelievable, just unreal."

Weather conditions did cause heartaches for some games organizers and competitors.

"The speed skating event was ruined," Mr. Saad said. "They ran three races on Sunday, but the event was wiped out by the mild temperatures."

Speedskating is dependent of freezing temperatures to keep the oval track in shape for the skaters. Soft ice plagued the event.

The three skiing competitions-cross-country, alpine, and free-style—did not suffer similar misfortune.

"It didn't really bother the skiing events,"Mr. Saad said. "In fact, the weather probably aided it by providing good conditions for the spectators."

Other individual and team sports included badminton, basketball, bowling, boxing, curling, fencing, figure skating, gymnastics, hockey, judo, ringette, table tennis, team handball and weight lifting.

IEEE news

Gordon Chen, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers club (IEEE) counsellor, has been elected a senior member of IEEE. Mr. Chen, a Niagara instructor, is one of only 50 senior members in the Hamilton section.

Tutoring

Anyone in electrical or electronics programs requiring additional help with their studies should contact Niagara's Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in room L8 of the Lundy Building. They will be glad to offer any assistance they can.

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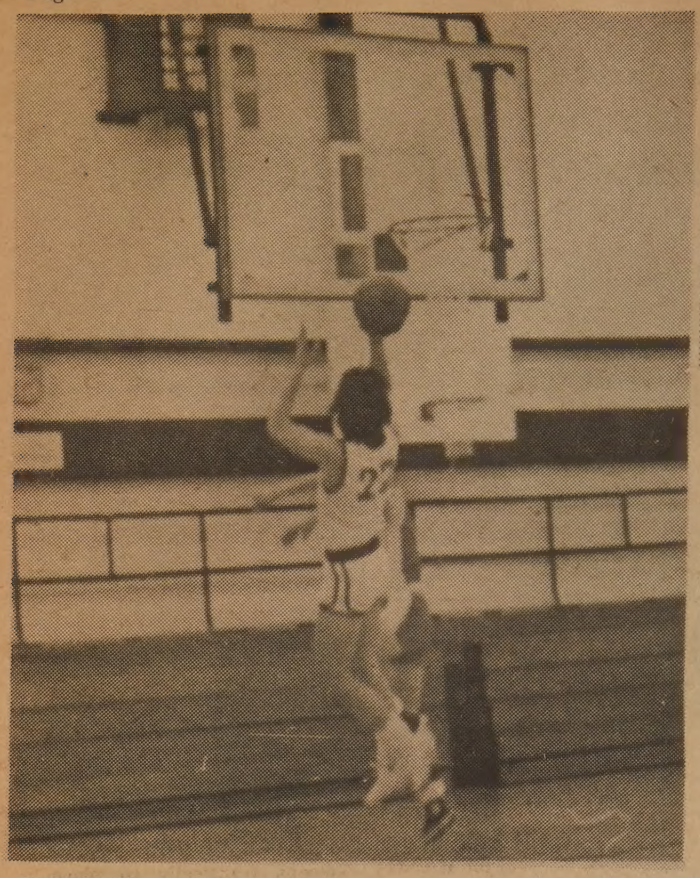

Mike Soucie makes an easy lay-up over a Fanshawe College, London, defender after stealing the ball. Niagara lost the game 74-48 on Feb. 17 at the Welland campus gym. (Photo by Kreamer)

Stung by referees, N/C loses to London

Niagara College men's basketball team lost the season's return match with Fanshawe College, London, 74-48 in the Mackenzie gym on Feb. 17.

The closely officiated game saw a total of 50 fouls called on both teams. At the end of the first half Niagara had 16 and London got tagged with seven.

"My whole complaint is not whether it's bad refereeing or good refereeing, because I'm not a ref, but the refs lack consistency," Coach Peter Rylander said.

"We're not the NBA (National Basketball League) but I wish they (the refs) were consistent.

"However, we didn't play well and Fanshawe did so we really can't blame it on the refs."

Ted Kicinski led all Niagara shooters with 10 followed by Angelo Perralla with seven. Mike Soucie, Terry Krawec and Jim Watson all hit for six each.

Fanshawe's Bert Udema was the game's top scorer with 19 helped out by Bob Horvath's 16 and Don Rusk's eight.

Niagara's Soucie, Ken Stewart, Peralla and Pat Kilby all fouled out of the game, with Krawec and Kilby also receiving technicals.

"Soucie usually averages only three fouls a game, but he got five this game, four of them coming early in the first half," the coach said.

At press time the loss dropped Niagara to a 5-10 regular season record and raised Fanshawe to 10-4. The Knights shot at a 33 per cent clip for the game, and trailed at half time 37-21.

In the first encounter Nov. 25 Niagara dropped a 75-54 decision in London.

Guard Mike Soucie puts up a 30-footer as Fanshawe's Ron Bailey, 25, and Bert Udema, 22, look on. The loss dropped Niagara to a 5-10 season record. It was Fanshawe's second win this year over the men's basketball team. Photo by Kreamer)

Girls sauna shy they stay away

Niagara College's sauna bath is slowly becoming an all-male property.

"As far as I know during school hours only two girls have used it since it opened (early January)," Peter Rylander, athletic director said. A lot of men use it, like about 50 guys a day and that number is increasing.

"The ladies do use it at night after badminton practice, but now if enough girls ask for the sauna I'll have to set up a new schedule for them.

Mr. Rylander explained that the sauna timetable published in the Jan. 19 issue of the Niagara News is no longer in effect.

"Maybe the problem is that it is in a men's change room," the athletic director said,"but I had nowhere else to put it. The ladies have only one change roon when the men would have used the sauna the girls wouldn't have one at all."

The only problem Mr. Rylander has encountered is that,"People have been pouring the whole bucket of water on the hot rocks instead of using the ladle, and it's going straight through into the furnace and out onto the floor."

People wishing to use the facility now must sign in so the athletic department will know who's responsible for these actions.

Ladies late rally fails playoff hopes gone

Niagara College ladies basketball team rally to keep their playoff hopes alive fell short as they dropped a 59-56 decision to George Brown College, Toronto, on Feb. 16 in the provinical capital.

The ladies battled their way back from deficits as large as 17 points to close to within three in the second half.

Sandy McKay led Niagara shooters with 21 points followed by Monica Rose with 14 and Iris Christopher helping out with eight.

April English was the game's big gunner with 23 followed by Lynn Gagnon's 16 and Gwen Skutesky's 14.

Miss Rose, a guard on the team, said Niagara's second-half turnaround was due to their change of defence. "We went with a 1-3-1 for the first half and changed to a man to man beginning the second. We had to go to a 2-1-2 later in the half becase some of the girls got into foul trouble."

Patty Matthews and Miss McKay fouled out of the game, and Denise Chambers and Miss Christopher had to play with four fouls each.

"With Sandy out, the team suffered shooting-wise and height-wise," Miss Rose said, explaining Niagara was forced to play shorter players at the forward positions.

"I felt we had bad reffing for the game because they were calling bad fouls and travelling calls. They (George Brown) were hitting and slapping us and yet were not being called for it."

They trailed 33-23 at half, and the loss dropped them to a 3-6 regular season record.

Cauthen

Sensation!

Apprentice jockey Steve Cauthen, the hottest thing in the sport of kings these days, cointinues to hit the winner's circle in record-setting proportions.

As of Feb. 24, the 16-year-old from Walton, Ky., has won more than 120 races this year, breaking Ron Turcotte's existing record of 105 wins at Aqueduct over a 96-day period.

Cauthen's agent, veteran race-tracker Lenny Goodman, former agent for famed reinsman Braulio Baeza, said, "I pick 'em and he rides 'em."

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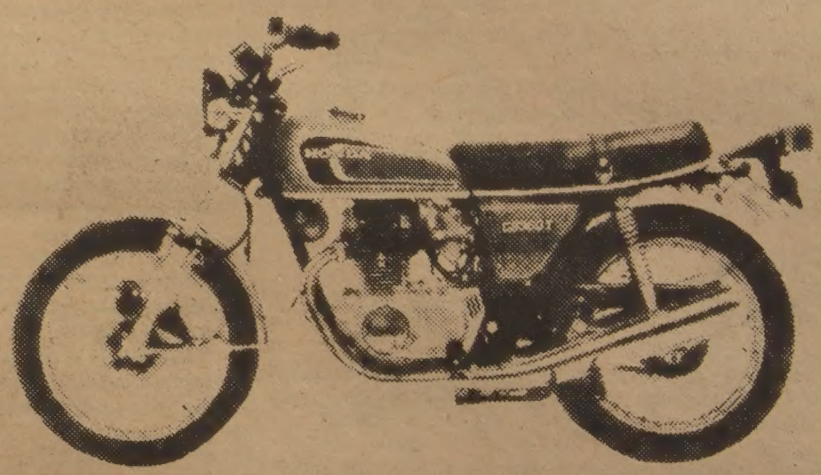

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Free agents killing professional sports

By PAUL KREAMER

Like the folktale, North American entrepreneurs of professional athletics, have killed the goose that laid the golden egg.

Unless these bosses of paid sport reasses their priorities, the whole idea of pro competition as we know it is headed for a final collapse.

The superstar syndrome of the West has eaten away the very structure of the system that gives it life. The idea of a Kareen-Abdul Jabbar coming out of college to help a relatively new Milwaukee Bucks' franchise win a National Basketball Association championship, in a very few seasons is what the syndrome is all about.

The expensive search for the O.J. Simpson, Bobby Clarke or Julius Erving, to help lead a floundering team out of mediocrity and to the pinnacle of that league's championship, is what the owners are constantly prospecting for. But as they do this they merely draw the knife closer to their own throat. The propecting opens the door for the free agent, and this affliction is rotting pro sports faster than even expansion.

Baseball's re-entry draft

The prime example of this is baseball's re-entry draft last year. The whole idea of spreading the better players throughout the league evenly failed, miserably. The New York Yankee's signing of slugger Reggie Jackson once again proved the old adage that rich teams will always remain rich and poor ones will get even poorer.

The Montreal Expos offered the outfielder more money. However, the Yanks who really do not have as burning a need for Jackson as Montreal does, offered him something the Expos could not: a probable berth in the World Series, and more press exposure in the largest city in North America with this leading to lucrative endorsement contracts.

These things are very important to a professional athlete who knows the system allows him only so many productive years.

The question must be asked what happens when baseball franchises like Houston, Milwaukee, Minnesota and Atlanta, with their small population base, stop being luxuries for the league and start to burden the circuit's treasury? With their inability to compete at player auctions, will big time baseball, for that matter pro sports in general, be affordable only by big metropolitan areas?

To take that idea one step further the new collective bargaining agreement between the National Footbal League management council and the player's association will make baseball's re-entry draft look like child's play.

Million dollar contracts

Graduating collegians like Tony Dorsett and Ricky Bell will sit down with their NFL employers and start contract negotiations at the $1 to $2 million mark. All that money for unproven professional talent.

Last year a U.S. federal court ruled the NFL college player draft illegal. The system by which the league replenished itself each year was in jeopardy and only the new labor agreement containing some sort of draft would save it.

The modified draft is set for April, and it will involve eight to 10 rounds instead of the 17 of past years. In addition it will contain a time limit of between six weeks and three months on talks between the teams and drafted players.

A player drafted by a team but unable to come to terms with the club would, after a specified time, become a free agent.

In other words, stall and the entire league will come to your door with offers beyond belief. And again only the rich teams will be able to afford to employ the best new players.

Pro sports in twilight years?

As professional sports enters its twilight years, if present trends continue, one has to wonder how the free agent phenomenon started and got so out of hand.

Charles O. Finley, Oakland A's owner-destroyer, could be called the father of this unwanted child.

Finley lost Catfish Hunter on a legal blunder and opened the floodgates for the bidding wars.

It seems ironic that Finley, the architect of the three time world champion A's and the free agent outbreak, is the one who suffered the most from it. In the single re-entry draft he lost starters Joe Rudi, Rollie Fingers, Sal Bando, Bert Campaneries, Gene Tenace, and Don Baylor because he wouldn't meet competitive prices.

With higher priced contracts becoming the rule not the exception, the average fan had better learn to live with the fact that ticket prices to professional sporting events will soon be out of his financial reach.

With the loss of gate receipts and fan interest so goes the demise of the team, and maybe even the league. Television revenue cannot carry the entire cost burden.

Ice Knights beat Northern ends season at 4-11-2 mark

Niagara College men's hockey team closed out its regular season on a three day northern tour to end the year with a 4-11-2 record.

The ice Knights finished in eighth place in the 10-team curcuit, and only two points out of the playoff picture.

The team, which left Thursday night, Feb. 10, and returned Sunday morning, Feb. 13, played "two enjoyable games," according to coach Fred Bassi.

About the season, Mr. Bassi sited the Centennial College, Toronto, game Dec. 10 that Niagara lost 6-4 as the critical contest. "If we could have won that one, we would have been in the playoffs now."

"We started out the season fairly well and then in the middle stretch we went a long time without a win. We did play two excellent games up north though."

The coach thought that the numerous injuries this year was major cause that hurt the team's performance. "Sometimes we were down to only three defencemen.

"I thought we would have been better if the guys could have stayed healthy, because it's hard with guys always coming in and out of the line-up,"Mr. Bassi said.

CANADORE

Niagara Knights ended their season Feb. 12 on a losing note. They were defeated by the Canadore Panthers, North Bay, 6-4 in Ontario College Athletic Association action.

TOM MACLEAN

The Panthers outshot the Knights 52-22 and only the fine goaltending by Howard Goetz kept the score to single figures.

Niagara goals came from Pat Flynn, with two, Tom MacLean and Tom Lunardon.

Chris Marshall, Wayne MacLeod, Gary Merkley, Rick Lane, Ken Wharram and Roger Lafreniere replied for Canadore.

Midway through the third period, Niagara's MacLean provided the hardest check of the night. He caught Merkley rounding the Panther's net. Merkley was forced to sit out the rest of the game.

Referee Hetor Valade handed out 17 penalties with 11 going to the Panthers, including a high-sticking major to Frank Del Vecchio, and a 10-mintue misconduct to Lafreniere for saying something after MacLean's hit on Merkley.

NORTHERN

Niagara opened their northern trip by downing Northern College Huskies, Kirkland Lake, 7-5 on Feb. 11 in Kirkland Lake.

The ice Knights got hat-tricks from captain Flynn and Jim Ives, whose third goal proved to be the winner.

The lowly Huskies, whose season record dropped to one win and 15 losses after the game, got a record-setting performance from forward Ron Doucette.

Doucette got his name in the OCAA history book by scoring at least one goal in every game(17) during the season. He finished with 25 goals and 13 assists for the season.

Mark Millar got Niagara's other goal with Dave Laframboise and Don Mitchell, with a three-goal game, rounding out the Huskies scoring.

"This was the first time a Niagara College team had beaten a Northern Ontario team up there,"Coach Bassi said. "The Northern team has improved since the last we've played them(an 8-2 victory for the rink Knights)."

Cancellations can cause headaches

By PHIL WILSON

You goto class, there's a note on the door saying class is cancelled. Great, another free period, right?

Not if you're one of Niagara's 13,000 extension and community education students. Driving from Fort Erie or other localities and finding a note saying you one and only class is cancelled is definitely not reason for cheering.

This situation creates headaches for the secretaries of the schools of applied arts, business, health sciences, technology, retraining, and the department of community education.

Mrs. Carolyn Knight, secretary of community education, like the secretaries in all schools, is confronted with making innumerable phone calls everytime classes are cancelled.

"I try to phone as many students as I can, but sometimes it's imposssible to contact them," Mrs. Knight said.

The problem is compounded if an instructor is ill and doesn't notify the secretary until late in the day.

WHEN IT STORMS

School closings, as in the recent storm, present another problem. "There is no way we can phone all the students, so we inform the radio station and hope the students are listening," Mrs. Knight said.

This system does not always work though. During a bad storm in November, the school was closed at noon, but St. Catharines had almost no snow at all.

As a result, not many people listened to the radio to find out if there were classes and many showed up at the college that night.

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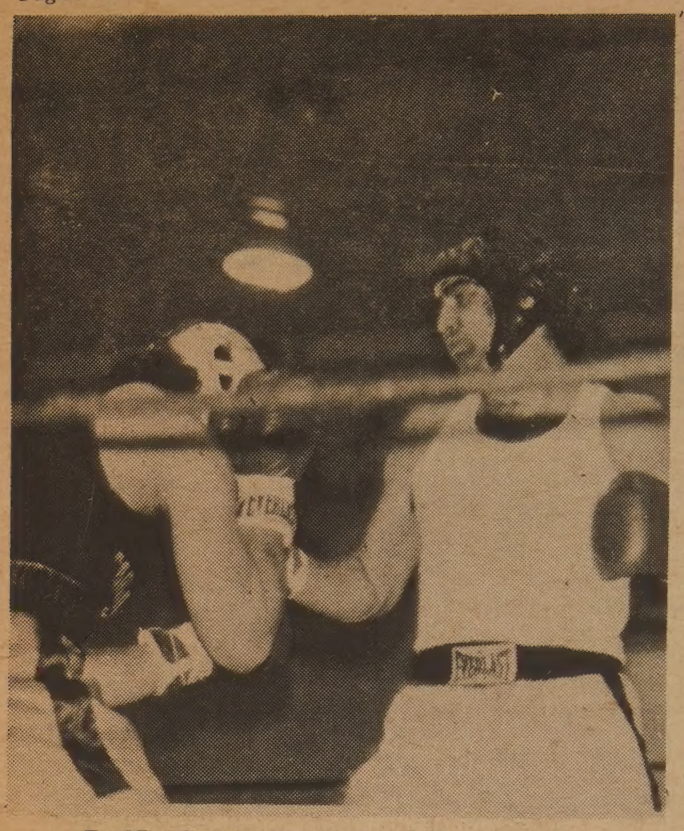


Fred Bassi, right, slugs Jim Doyle, Ontario Golden Gloves champion, at a Hamilton fight Feb. 20.
(Photo by Kreamer)

Bassi falls in 1st round but battles back to win

Fred Bassi defeated the Ontario Golden Glove Champion, Jim Doyle, in a recent boxing match, but it wasn't because of his fancy footwork in the first round. Fred was hit and slipped to the mat after about 10 seconds.

"He caught me off guard with a right and I lost my balance," Fred, athletic assistant at Niagara, said. "The report said that he was a leftie but he fought as a rightie. He may have converted."

Fred won the three-round amateur bout in Hamilton on Feb. 20 by a split decision.

His younger opponent, from Toronto, has fought about 60 fights. Fred has only fought four since his return to the ring.

"It was a close fight but I though I had won it," Fred said. "I thought I had hit him more and hit him harder. I knew I hurt him a couple of times."

Fred came out in the third round like a charging cougar and flared rights and lefts to his opponent's head and body.

"At the end of the second round Frank Degazio (Bassi's manager) told me to use my right hand more and follow in with my left."

Beaten!

Fred Bassi went to Buffalo on Feb. 22 to box, but the outcome was disastrous. Fred, athletic assistant at Niagara, was knocked down after one minute and 50 seconds of the first round.

"I threw a right jab but he slipped a left hook under it and hit me just below the ribs in the liver area," Fred said. "He knocked the wind out of me and I couldn't get up."

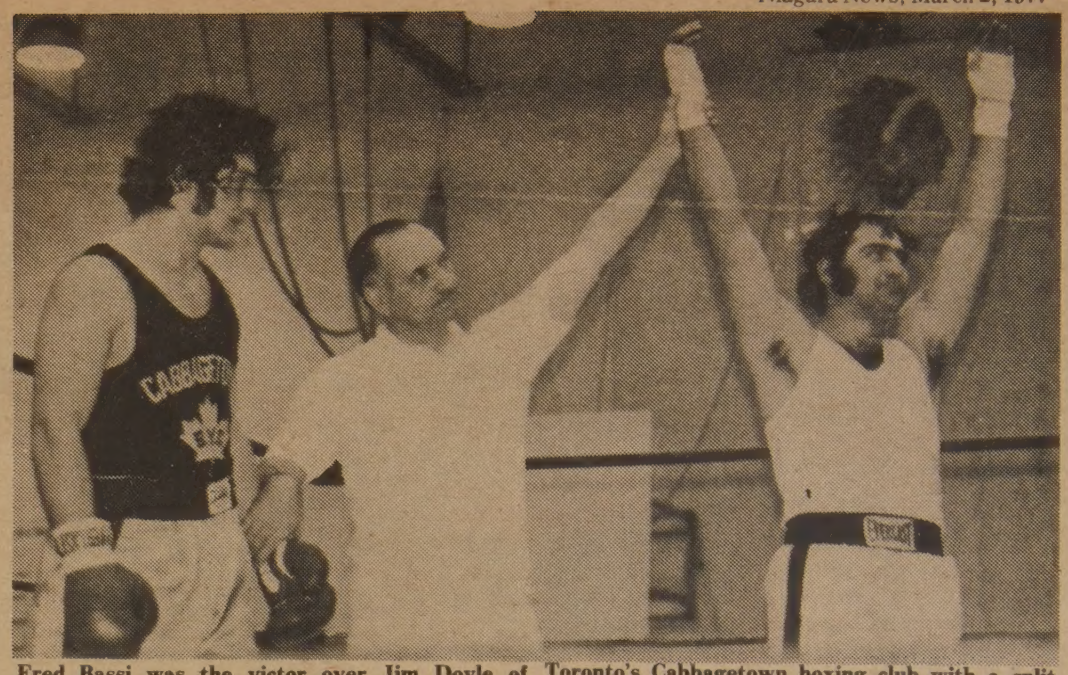
Tony Campbell, Buffalo, was the victor of the match.

"I didn't even see the punch," Fred said.

"I would like to fight him again."

Fred was a bit disappointed that he had won by a split decision because he felt he won two of the three rounds. A unanimous decision requires a two-round margin by all three judges.

Fred and Doyle will fight again in a re-match on Mar. 13 in Hamilton.



Fred Bassi was the victor over Jim Doyle of Toronto's Cabbagetown boxing club with a split decision on Feb. 20 in Hamilton. (Photo by Kreamer)

Survey probes Niagara's effectiveness

Community residents were asked their opinion of Niagara College in a telephone survey conducted last week as part of a college evaluation study.

The survey, which included former dropouts from the college was conducted Feb. 22, 23 and 24 and was administered by John Muto, planning and research officer.

Residents were asked how they judged the reputation of the college, whether they attended college events, how much they knew about college programs and services and if any factors had ever prevented them from attending.

Results of the survey were not available at press time.

Dropout students were asked why they left the college, and if what they were doing now was related to the training they received at Niagara.

"I just hope the survey gives the college the information it needs to give the college a proper evaluation," Mr. Muto said. "It should contribute some very interesting information to utilize."

Those surveyed were chosen at random from the telephone dirctory. Two hundred residents and 100 dropouts were contacted. it was conducted by four marketing students using telephones in the college library.

The survey is part of a Niagara College evaluation study, which is in turn part of a larger, province-wide community college assessment. Students, staff and local employers are also being surveyed.

Survey data should be collected by April 1. This spring, a visiting evaluation team composed of representatives from other community colleges will make their own appraisal of the college based on the results and interviews with students and staff. To obtain an objective point of view, no Niagara representatives are included on this team.

Metrics invade college campus

By ANGUS MIDDLEMISS

Metrics have invaded Niagara College...they're taking over... they're unopposed...the college will be taken over by 1980.

First, they conquered the nursing centres; they're taking over in the technology department; by Jan. 1, 1978 the administration will be overrun by them. Every sector of Niagara will be teaching metrics by 1980, Bernard Harrison, Niagara's metric committee co-ordinator, said.

Mr. Harrison said that steering committees covering each sector of business and industry have decided on dates by which change overs to metrics have to be made. He said the committee at Niagara informs instructors of when changes for the related industry have been made.

"Instructors must keep in step with related industry," he said. If they don't students won't know how to change to the metric system when change comes.

$100 PER STUDENTS

He said when the committee was formed in 1975 it studied changeover costs. It concluded it would cost $100 per student. He said the ministry of colleges and universities said it would get money for the change, but no word has ever been received from them.

Mr. Harrison said the committee is drawing up a timetable for converting the college to metrics.

"Everything we have at the college will have to be changed over to metric," he said.

But all of Niagara's equipment won't have to be changed, he said. Some of the equipment will have to be adjusted. Metric dials can be put on some things and all these changes won't come at one time, he said. Standard 8½" by 11" typing paper will be used until supplies are deleted.

He said he still hopes the government will cover the costs of change but, "at present we're using our global funds." He said the funds are just general expense funds that belong to the college.

He said about 95 per cent of the world uses the metric system and Canada must change or be left behind in business. When business changes to metrics, it will be able to trade with more countries he said.

Canada has been slow in change but "metric conversion is really starting to grind ahead," he said.

Communication difficult as seminar illustrates

By RIC DOLPHIN

The communication process is a difficult one. Such things as under-assertiveness, prejudice, not listening and "noise" can mar channels of good communication.

About 35 department heads, deans and chairmen gathered in the Hamilton Room Feb. 17 to particiapte in an "interpersonal communication seminar conducted by psychology co-ordinator Ralph Greenfield.

The two-hour seminar included a film "Listening Beyond Words" and participation by the group in role-playing and a group communication situation.

Mr. Greenfield called for two volunteers to provide a demonstration of not listening. George Blazetich, chairman of the liberal arts division and Graham McKinnon, director of college services, volunteered to play the parts of two over-assertive businessmen with conflicting views on a major change in purchasing procedure.

Mr. Blazetich and Mr. McKinnon were asked to leave the room and study their briefing sheets by themselved. Meanwhile, the rest of the group were told of the roles each man had to play.

DEBATE BECAME HEATED

The two men returned, sat down at a table in front of the room and began to argue. The debate became heated, much to the amusement of the audience, and the two men were at each other's throats when Mr. Greenfield said, "Cut!" There was applause.

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All students to receive assistance

By ANGUS MIDDLEMISS

OSAP may no longer exist if the ministry of colleges and universities accepts recommendations of a committee proposing an assistance program allowing all students to receive assistance.

The proposed Optional Loan and Need-Tested Grant (OLANG) program came after a two-year study into student financial assistance. The program will allow all students, including part-time students, to receive assistance instead of the approximate 40 per cent who are now eligible under OSAP. The OLANG program will be based on a grant and the rest of the student's need will be paid for by an interest-bearing loan. The loan bears interest from the day it is received and the grant will be based on the family net income.

The program introduced a grant reduction factor which is based on the net income of the family. This will result in students from lower income families getting larger grants and smaller loans.

Students requesting assistance will have to pay the first $500 of their allowable costs and the remainder will be paid through a grant and/or loan. The OLANG system will also eliminate parental contributions replacing them with the grant reduction factor. If a student cannot pay the $500 contribution, he may get a loan to cover it.

Students who are dependent of social assistance are exempt from the $500 contribution. The report said eliminating the mandatory borrowing under the present program would allow students on social assistance to be entitled for a grant.

Norman A.Sisco and Dr. J. S. Dupre, co-chairmen of the interim committee on financial assistance for students, outline new proposals at a Toronto press conference Feb. 21. (Photo by Middlemiss)

"Elimination of the mandatory borrowing requirement to qualify for a grant is a major contribution to compatibility between student aid and social assistance programs," the report said.

The report was submitted to Harry Parrot, minister of colleges and universities, Jan. 31. Dr. Stefan Dupre, co-chairman of the interim committee on financial assistance for students, said the minister has not made a statement on the report's status, but if it is accepted it could be implemented by September, 1977.

The program will be administered entirely by the government of Ontario and will in no way be related to the federal Canada Student Loans Plan. The program will also be easier to administer because the complex formula used to calculate student assistance for OSAP will be done away with.

The major differences between OLANG and OSAP are:

-students may choose to borrow to meet costs or be income-tested for grant eligibility

-loans are interest-bearing while the student is enrolled

-the rate of interest broadly reflects current economic conditions

-the maximum loan available to the individual student allows for discretionary borrowing

-loans are guaranteed by the government of Ontario rather than the government of Canada.

The interest rate of loans will be the equivalent to the current rate of Canada Savings Bonds. The reason the loans are to be interest-bearing while students are attending school is "to avoid a hidden subsidy to individuals from more affluent backgrounds." The interest from an OLANG loan will be listed as an allowable cost the following school year.

An example of grant comparison given was that of a male student living away from home and entering a first-year, 32week arts and sciences program. His family's net income was $7,500 and a total of $2,940 was claimed as allowable costs. Under the OLANG system the student contrubuted $500 and because of the grant reduction factor, the grant was $1,053. The grant under the present system would total $217 less than the OLANG program. However, the same person had the family net income been $9,500, the student would get $96 more OSAP.

Paul Axelrod, interim committee member, had some reservations about the report. He said all the inequities of the present system were not investigated. Therefore, the program's proposal was not as bold, creative or radical as it could have been.

The proposed system "provides total subsidies to students from the poorest families (save the minimum of $500 students contribution), and provides reasonably large grants to students in the next several categories."

He also commended the program because students would no longer have to borrow money before being eligible for a grant and the interest rates of a loan can be deducted from the following year's allowable costs.

His other objections were that the system should have been made available to students in the middle income brackets, students should not have to repay large loans during times of high unemployment, and OLANG refused to entertain a $1,000 stipend to independent, single graduate students who receive no other financial aid.

Elections to be held on 2 days

By KAREN MONCK

Voting for the Student Administrative Council (SAC) elections may be held for two days this year on the main campus, instead of the usual one day, Guido Rapone, SAC executive vice-president, announced at the SAC general meeting Feb. 22 in L-1.

Satellite campuses have proven in the past that they do not need two days to vote, but students on the main campus have often complained that elections were over before they knew about them, Adam Macsai, SAC president, said.

Guido and Marc Montgomery, SAC vice-president of external affairs, are in charge of organizing and publicizing the elections.

Nominations for positions on the SAC executive will be open until March 4, Guido said. A check on the eligibility of nominess will be conducted by the council until March 7 or 8. The next week will be a campaigning period for candidates and voting will be held on March 17 and 18.

Guido said he suggested two days of voting to make sure every student knows about the elections and gets a chance to vote.

Votes will be counted by council, and winners announced by them. Any position that does not have at least two candidates will be filled by acclamation.

"We don't want to see offices taken by acclamation, it just isn't proper," Guido said.

Pictures yes, formal maybe

Future of convocation formal in doubt

By KAREN MONCK

Graduating students at Niagara will be able to have graduation pictures taken at the college but whether or not they will have a graduation formal following Convocation is still questionable.

At a Student Administrative Council (SAC) meeting Feb. 22, council passed a motion to have a photographer come to the college in March and take graduation pictures. The photographer will probably spend four or five days at the main campus and one day at each of the satellites, Adam Macsai, SAC president, said.

The possibility of holding a graduation formal after Convocation was discussed. Adam said he would like to see a big get-together of students and parents at a banquet and formal following the graduation exercises rather than the small party-type affairs usually arranged by separate groups of students themselves.

He asked John Thibodeau, SAC vice-president of internal affairs, how arrangements for the formal were going.

"I've got nothing to say," John said.

"Are we going to have one or not?" Eugene Lampman, SAC club convener, asked.

"It looks like we're not," John said. "I didn't have time to work on it."

"But we discussed it five weeks ago," Adam said.

"We'd like to have one big bash for all graduates," Guido Rapone, SAC executive vice-president, said.

"Is it really too late to arrange it now?" Debbie Cole, SAC vice-president of finance, asked.

"A couple of people can't do it," Guido said. "We need the participation of every member of council if we're going to do it now."

"It takes a lot of involvement," Adam said. "You can't just rent a hall and sell tickets. There's more to it than that."

"If we've committed ourselves and we don't have it, it looks like bad management," Eugene said. added that the formal was mentioned at a college board of governors meeting and the administration might think SAC was committed.

"If we want anything, we have to start now," Adam said. "If we miss anyone, we'll have to tell them about it later."

"Yes, let's have it," Eugene said. "I'll support it."

"John, if everyone wants it, it'll be your responsibility," Adam said.

"If we told the administration, I guess we have to have it," John said.

"Well, it's back in your lap, John," Adam said. "All we want to know is if you're going to be able to handle it. It's got to be positive. What do you think, can you do it?"

"Yeah," John said.

The formal could be held in either St. Catharines or Niagara Falls, depending on where SAC can find a hall big enough at the right time. Adam said he would estimate about 1,000 graduates, escorts and parents would attend.

"If I arrange it, it'll be in St. Catharines," John said. "I don't have a car to go back and forth."

SAC voting rights shuffled

Not enough members of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) with voting rights showed up at the beginning of the first SAC meeting of 1977 to conduct business. But a shuffling of voting rights enabled the council to go on with the meeting and conduct business.

Only six voting members showed up at the Feb. 22 meeting in L-1. At least eight members must be present to form a majority vote of the board of directors.

Adam Macsai, SAC president, appointed Dave Yirkiw, third year mechanical technology, to replace Roger Breski as division representative and thus make seven voting members. To bring the number of votes up to eight, Adam took the needed extra vote himself.

With onlyh eight votes at the meeting, every motion must be unanimous to conduct business. Part way through the meeting, the arrival of two more division representatives brought the number of votes up to nine and Adam relinquished the extra vote he had taken.

A student in the audience asked why the meeting was not publicized with posters around the campus.

Adam said he saw no need to advertise the meeting with posters because he notified all the members of the board of directors verbally about the meeting.

He said the meeting was not held until almost two months had gone by because there was no planning to do for events until then. He said events were coming up now and planning was necessary, so the meeting was called.

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this "gentle" martial art course will adapt an ancient skill for today's fitness and health needs. Mr. Vincent Vielle, Instructor. Fee: $25.
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A field archaeology course with special emphasis on Ontario archaeology. A field trip will be included. Mrs. Rita Michael, Instructor. Fee: $43.
Welland Campus

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Art and crafts for intermediate and advanced persons. Various Niagara artists and craftpersons will evaluate art work and instruct. Fee: $20.
St. Catharines and Welland Campuses

Do not adjust your set, CBers are taking over

By NELLE OOSTEROM

Farrah Fawcett-Majors, perched on a skateboard, is being chased across the screen by a white van. Suddenly the picture falls apart and a crackling voice cuts in...

"Break 'em up, one-O."

Charley's angel continues her precrious journey into bushes, under trees and over a bridge. Then...

"You got some 10-43 on the traffic situation up ahead?"

That's enough. This TV fan has had it up to her antennas with Citizen's Band radio interference. It's time to call the department of communications and see about cleaning up the air waves.

John Maggio, district manager of the Hamilton office of the department of communications, has heard it all before. He estimates that between 30 and 40 per cent of the complaints he receives deal directly with CB radio interference in TV sets, radios, stereos, and other receivers. He anticipates more than 500 complaints within the next year.

CALL WITH COMPLAINT

"If someone has a complaint, they should call us," he said. "We normally send them a questionaire to get further information on the problem to determine if the fault lies with the CBer or the owner of the TV set.

"Normally the fault lies with the CBer and it's usually due to swamping or harmonics."

Swamping? Harmonics?

Swamping is when the CB unit overrides the frequency the TV or other receiver is operating on.

MOST COMMON

Harmonics, the most common cause of interference, is when the CB radio operates on the same frequency as the TV. In technical terms, when the CBer operates on the second harmonic, at 57 megacycles, he interferes with Channel 2.

New specifications to cut down on interference go into effect after April 1, Mr. Maggio said. The guidelines require CB manufacturers to apply more stringent controls to reduce harmonics content. These specifications apply only to CB radios now being manufactured and do not affect CB operators who own current models.

"However, if the department decides they (present CB units) will create too much havoc, we could introduce new regulations making it necessary for CB operators to eventually make adjustments to their sets," Mr. Maggio said.

If complaining to the department of communications takes up too much time, another course of action is open.

Buy a TVI (television interference) filter.

BEST ONE

The best one, according to Gabriel Arcuri, owner of Arc Electronics and Communication Centre in Welland, sells for $14.95. Known as the High Path filter, it attaches to the back of a TV set and effectively cuts down on CB interference.

Filters for the CB radio itself are also available. A Taylor filter sells for $32.95 and holds department of communications approval. "We have all kinds of filters but these are the only ones that work," Mr. Arcuri said.

Cheaper models are available. Radio Shack in St. Cathrines sells a TVI filter, known as CB Trap, for $3.99. Manager John Bradford said that the department of communications is not involved with setting TVI filter regulations.

"All they're concerned about is the filter on the CB radio itself," he said.

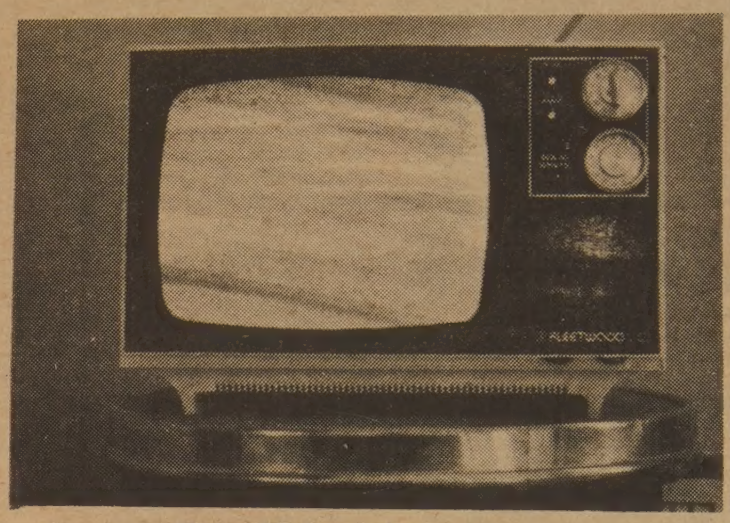
BOTH AGREE

Both agreed that the demand for filters has gone up phenomenally in the past year, because of the increasing popularity of CB radios.

"We used to stock up on maybe six in one month and have some left over," Mr. Arcuri said. "Now we order a hundred and still run out."

Prices have apparently gone up with demand. Although the manager of Radio Shack would not confirm it, the Arc Electronics owner said that in the past year Taylor filters have gone up by $8, High Path models by $4.

"Sure the price has gone up," Mr. Arcuri said. "There's a big request for them right now and we're making a lot of money."



TVs and CBs just don't mix.

It's possible that in future, ardent CBers like Stewart Bruinsma, a first year social services student, will be subject to more stringent controls regarding CB operation. (Photos by Oosterom)

Band ill, Pub cancelled

Pub Nite was cancelled last week because the band, Wireless, cancelled out due to illness.

Radio announcements, posters in every building, and the loudspeakers at the college, were used to notify students of the cancellation, but still students came, Fred Bassi, pub manager, said.

"If I had hired another band at the last minute some students would have thought that we were ripping them off," Mr. Bassi said.

Mr. Bassi said it was the third time that this agency, Music Shoppe, had cancelled this school year. Max Webster and Rose were to play at a concert, and Triumph was to play last fall, but all cancelled.

A pub will be scheduled March 9 to replace the cancelled one.

There are five pubs left this year and the last one on April 6 will feature Rose, "but another agency has been called up to back us up—just in case," Mr. Bassi said.

Doormats told how to be assertive

By LYNNE VAN TILBORG

Effective ways to deal with "Ma Bell" and the pushy church worker were demonstrated through role playing as part of an all-day assertive training seminar held Feb. 11.

The seminar in the Hamilton Room was organized by second year social service students. Guest speaker was Dr. J. S. Jameson, a Toronto psychiatrist.

Eighty-six per cent of the participants in the seminar—which attracted more than 90 persons—were women.

Pat Bradley, budgeting chairperson, said she was very pleased with the turnout considering the recent snow storm and the delay in receiving the mails.

Those attending had an interest in this method "to help individuals to act in their best interest without anxiety or violating the rights of others."

This was Dr. Jameson's explanation of being appropriately assertive. Underassertive persons, he said, hold feelings within themselves. Their feelings tend to come out in mood swings.

WOMEN'S LIB INTERESTED

Indirect assertion involves coyness, sulking and withdrawl. It is used primarily by women and leads to a negative self-image. Assertive training has the reputation of being a fad and has been picked up by the women's movement, he said.

Eight persons who volunteered to try some role-playing were illustrative of the wide scope of the audience. The five women and three men who participated were a store manager, a psychiatric worker, a father, a college test supervisor, a research worker, two nursing instructors and a college instructor.

Through assuming the roles of persons they wanted to deal with more effectively, the participants showed how "being appropriately assertive might not let you win an argument but would make you feel that you've handled it as well as you possibly could."

TO COPE WITH BELL

When dealing with large corporations like Bell telephone, the group learned it was best to get the name of the last person dealt with and to remember that name for further communication.

When confronted with a pushy church worker, the group member practised saying no to a request to assume yet another responsibility within her church—and sticking to it.

Dr. Jameson told the group he does much the same kind of role-playing with groups he conducts in Toronto.

Dr. Jameson said the reason assertive training has been picked up by the women's movement is that the female stereotype is sweet and self-effacing. Men tend to "put women down" for expressing their feelings and women tend to let men be manipulative.

He later unknowingly illustrated this conditioning. When recommending two books about assertive training, he commented that one was written by "two girls" from California, while the second was the product of "two men."

The unconscious slip was pointed out by Dennis Malone, chairman of English. He also mentioned that no woman in the audience seemed to have noticed.

Questioning and comments were lively as interesting participants tried to understand the meaning of being appropriately assertive.

"Is not appropriate behavior merely an academic term for honesty?" George Blazetich, chairman of liberal studies, asked.

John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, wondered if everyone doesn't experience the whole range of assertive behavior at one time or another.

Another participant asked if it was not at times appropriate to be aggressive (overly assertive).

Dr. Jameson commented on the astuteness of the questioning and noted the merit of all three comments.

The 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. day ran smoothly as a result of the organization of the 15 social service students involved.

Mary Langelann was chairperson; Sheree Taillon was in charge of the organization committee; Joanne Marlow was chairperson of advertising; Meg Hamilton headed the program committee and Pat Bradley was chairperson of budgeting.

Asked for a guideline to use to evaluate appropriate assertion, Dr. Jameson said one should look for feedback.

This is not always reliable as the other person may be surprised or disbelieving at the new behavior.

He illustrated this.

BAKER CHANGES

One of his clients, a bakery owner, had difficulty asserting himself to his employees. Dr. Jameson said he knew the man's behavior had changed after the man related this story.

The bakery owner asked an employee to mop up around a basin before he left for the night.

The employee protested that he had never done that before. The employer said they would discuss it the next day but to mop up tonight.

The employee then protested he did not have a good mop. The employer said that would be dealt with the next day, but to mop around the basin tonight.

The employee complained about the drain and was met with the same reply.

The employee then asked, "Why don't I take this mop and...?"

The employer interrupted him and said, "We 'll discuss where to put the mop tomorrow in the meantime, mop up around the basin.

Theatre Arts will assist in festival

The Niagara College Theatre Centre is "assisting others" with festivities for the Celebrate Canada Festival, John Rapsey, program co-ordinator at the theatre centre said.

They will provide technical assistance for the Royal Canadian Air Farce which will tape a performance in the Hamilton Room.

The theatre centre is busy preparing for Three Penny Opera, the college's decennial project, and has not had time to plan for a Celebrate Canada production as well.

Dr. Victor Railton, MP for Welland, above, and Gib Parent, MP for St. Catharines, below, talk to first year journalism students in Ottawa on Feb. 10. (Photo by Newell)

During question period

Trite jokes and catcalls

By SYLVIA BAAGO, LIZ MATHIAS and ANNITA NEWELL

In Ottawa there are good shows and bad shows, but the best free show in tow n is question period in the House of Commons. Niagara College students discovered this during their recent trip to Ottawa.

"It is now 11 o'clock - do you know where your MP's are?" Students were asking this at 11 a.m. when question period began with a sparse attendance - about 32 members.

It was like watching a kindergarten class in session, or students in the second floor lounge at the college. Catcalls, desk-banging and trite jokes accompanied the questions. Answers were typically political, saying nothing in 1,000 words, or passing the buck to absent ministers.

A paper airplane flying across the floor brought attention to an opposition member trying to speak. Judging from the halting French, not even the translator was listening to him.

RACE CHALLENGE

the most important business transacted was the challenge of a race between the pony express and the post office in Manitoba.

It was easy to recognize Pierre Trudeau as he was the only one who looked like a Globe and Mail cartoon. The star performer spent the hour twirling his rose and consulting with his cronies, thereby missing most of the questions.

Looking bored, he departed and the gallery quickly followed suit.

A few students met the Prime Minister outside his office. The future journalists in the group displayed their skill at interviewing by staring in awe-struck silence.

After a few self-conscious exchanges, Trudeau escaped to the privacy of his office, while the students belatedly thought of relevant questions they should have asked.

As the students dispersed, many comments were passed about the performance in the house and especially about the charm and stature of the star performer.

Famed musical ride not yet for women

By SYLVIA BAAGO

One of the last bastions of male supremacy, the famed musical ride of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has not yet succumbed to women's lib, Niagara College students were told on a recent visit to the ride's headquarters in Ottawa.

A spokesman for the RCMP at "N" Division, the training base for the riders and horses in Ottawa, said although the Mounties have women constables in the regular ranks, none have yet been given a coveted position on the ride.

Several women RCMP have applied for positions on the ride, he said, but have found the training program too strenous.

INTENSIVE TRAINING

The applicants, who do not need previous riding experience, are given three months of intensive horsemanship training at the centre by professional trainers. The trainers usually prefer green riders, since they have not picked up bad riding habits that are difficult to correct.

The recruits are trained to ride different horses of varying temperaments so they are able to control almost any one of the mounts used in the ride. Beginning riders fall off frequently, but their falls are broken by the deep cushion of sawdust on the arena floor.

After their initial training period, the ones accepted for the ride are assigned their own horse for which they have complete responsibility. The riders stay with the ride for a maximum of two years, after which they return to regular duty. The riders are rotated every year so that only half the riders at any given time are inexperienced.

The public usually sees only the glamorous aspect of the ride—the virile red-coated mounties guiding their spirited steeds through the intricate patterns, to the tempo of rousing music. The students caught a glimpse of the hard work behind the scenes, as they saw the riders reduced to stable hands, shovelling out stalls and feeding horses.

RIDERS DO ALL

The spokesman said the 50 horses stabled at "N" Division are fed four times a day and are exercised at least 1½ hours per day. The riders do all the grooming, exercising, cleaning tack and stalls and feeding.

The hard work has its compensations, however. The ride is preparing to tour the British Isles and Europe in conjunction with Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee.

Included in the ride will be Centennial, a gelding presented to the Queen during her visit to Canada in 1973, the forces centennial year, and who, at Her Majesty's request, is stabled with the rest of the horses. The spokesman said the Queen will "quite likely ride Centennial during her visit to England."

The horses, thoroughbreds crossed with other breeds, are the result of 30 years of selective breeding at the RCMP stud farm about 35 miles from Ottawa. The horses, bred for temperament, size and color, stay at the stud farm until they are three years old when they are moved to "N" Division to start their training.

Thirty-two horses ranging in age from four to 19 are used in the ride, with four back-up horses travelling with them in case of injury.

The spokesman said although women have not yet been accepted for the ride, applications from women to act as security guards within the force are being taken. The minimum height for these positions is 5'4", as compared with 5'8" for regular constables. The new security personnel will not have all the powers of the regular force, but will be able to make arrests.

Parties, politics, Ottawa!

By LIZ MATHIAS and ANNITA NEWELL

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau met with Niagara College students during their annual visit to Ottawa-Hull the weekend of Feb. 10.

Instructors Eugene Maltais and Bruce Milligan organized the trip for 48 students of government and arranged meetings with three members of parliament from the Niagara peninsula.

Students attended a question period in the House of Commons and listened attentively to catcalls, desk-banging, and trite jokes as members attempted to speak. Afterwards, several students met Trudeau outside his office, to shake hands and snap pictures. One over-awed student was heard to say, "I'll never wash this hand again."

MEET MPS

Later, Mr. Maltais arranged a reception for the students to meet Dr. Victor Railton, MP for Welland, and Roger Young, MP for Niagara Falls. Hugh Halliday, former Niagara College instructor, and his wife Monique also joined the party.

For the remainder of the weekend, students toured the many free points of interest in Ottawa. Some preferred art galleries and museums, while others visited the mint and the RCMP "N" division (training centre) in Rockcliffe. Evening activities included skating on the Rideau Canal, attending a play by George B. Shaw and disco dancing.

HALIFAX CLOSER

Halifax is 50 miles closer to Toronto than Kenora, Ont., is.

Shavian comedy: humorous, practical

By DEBBIE GREGORY

There is something about Shaw's wit and ability to fathom human pretence that makes his plays just as contemporary today as they were when he first wrote them.

Several Niagara College students attended the National Arts Centre's performance of George Bernard Shaw's Man and Superman while visiting Ottawa recently. The play will be performed at the Shaw Festival during its May to September season.

The play subtitled "A Comedy and a Philosophy", humorously depicts how men, although they refuse to believe so, are ruled by women. The main protagonist, John Tanner, is the only member of the male species who realizes the futility of fighting the "weaker sex." His peers laugh as he attempts to explain the duplicity of women, especially Anne Whitefield, a conniving, egotistical, selfish, yet sweet, delicate, innocent young woman.

Shaw's practicality is seen throughout the play but is perhaps best exemplified in the scene in which Violet Robinson is suspected of having compromised her virginity. She is locked in the maid's chamber while her friends discuss the morals of this fate worse than death: unwed motherhood. It is unanimously decided that the man must be a cad, unfit to even look upon a woman and yet, at the same time, it is agreed that he must marry Violent since he is responsible for her predicament. Only Tanner sees the irony of the situation. He laughs as he relates how Violent will be forced to marry a man not fit for any woman simply because she made the mistake of following the basic urge of nature, procreation.

It is not long before Ann sets her sights on Tanner and the audience cannot help but empathize with the man who realizes he is the prey but can see no way out of entrapment. He expounds his theory on women, on how their one commitment in life is to snare a husband, on how he will never be captured, and yet he admits there is no way to escape. He finally succumbs and the melodrama ends with expectations of his unhappy (?) union.

LLOYD EXCELLENT

Bernard Lloyd was excellent in his portrayal of John Tanner. His timing, melodramatic expressions, and ability to project even whispers went unchallenged by any member of the cast. His presence dominated the stage so much that it might almost be said he stole the show.

Norah Morgan on sabbatical

NC's goodwill ambassador

By DENNY BUNYAN

Should the need ever arise for a goodwill ambassador for Niagara College, Norah Morgan is the person for the job.

Mrs. Morgan is on a year's sabbatical, lecturing at colleges, universities and other educational institutions throughout North America and abroad. Still, she finds a year is not really long enough time to do all she wants to do.

Already she has spent seven weeks in England, lectured to hundreds of people and has received requests to go to Toronto, Edmonton and Los Angeles to teach or lecture.

At Niagara, Mrs. Morgan teaches children's theatre at the Theatre Centre; drama in education to Early Childhood Education students; personality projection to human relations and fashion arts students; the use of drama in the library to library technician students, and the personality projection elective.

In Los Angeles, she will work for eight to 10 days with Dorothy Heathcote, internationally known teacher of drama, in hospitals and schools for the mentally handicapped.

"I really sold Niagara when I was overseas," Mrs. Morgan said. She said the students in England were very interested in the concept of a community college such as Niagara. Many said they would like to come and see it for themselves.

NORAH MORGAN

Use of drama

Most of the work Mrs. Morgan is doing while on her sabbatical centres around the use of drama in education.

Before coming to Niagara, Mrs. Morgan and her husband, Ted, taught at Ridley College in St. Catharines, teaching math, English, running the library and even odd coaching the cricket team. "I was a regular dog's-body," Mrs. Morgan says laughingly of her 12 years at Ridley.

She said she started using drama in teaching because she found it built up student confidence.

"When I taught math I always used drama," Mrs. Morgan said. "The children would know all the basic skills, but when it came to doing the problems they would put the blinkers on. I used drama to get over the problems so the children could see a purpose by using a practical method."

She emphasized the fact that drama does not necessarily mean acting or putting on plays but can be used as a means of determining one's own strengths and weaknesses.

It is also very helpful in the teaching of pre-school children, the blind and the mentally retarded, Mrs. Morgan said.

At one institution in England, Mrs. Morgan took part in a class where drama was used to teach mentally retarded children.

A girl was dressed up as an exotic bird and placed in a cage. The children, ranging in mental age from two to 10, were brought into the classroom and asked what should be done with the bird. "A bird should not be caged it should go free," one youngster remarked. With other students in agreement, the children decided through a series of questions that the bird should be taken to the airport and flown away to a warmer climate where it would be happier.

In this situation "the teacher is the ignorant one and the children make the decisions," Mrs. Morgan said. "It made the children tremendously happy because the mentally retarded children do not often get an opportunity to make their own decisions. It also gives them a feeling of accomplishment."

The idea of using drama in education is not new. "It has been going for some time but it's developed and people are getting interested."

Different field

When Mrs. Morgan travels to Edmonton she will be working in a slightly different field—movement and language. "I've noticed that if people are physically free, they seem to be able to communicate. "If they are confined to a desk they are not free."

If it seems like a lot of travel and work, it is, but Mrs. Morgan says she is "very busy and having a lovely time."

She said the biggest demand on her time is working with pre-school children, and in the social services area. She has also been doing work with the blind "getting them a feeling of language through speaking or writing."

"We are exploring the whole language area which includes listening, speaking, reading and writing, out of which comes understanding," Mrs. Morgan said.

Speaking of a brochure recently published by the Ministry of Education endorsing the use of drama, Mrs. Morgan said "I look at drama as one way of doing things." She hopes the brochure will help the drama field to develop.

Social work

Mrs. Morgan said one group of people who were studying for a master's degree in social work were interested to know that she is not a Doctor of Sociology but a teacher at a community college.

Mrs. Morgan will attend a conference at Algonquin College, Ottawa, to use the drama in education approach with social services workers. "If you are going to deal with other people, you must know how to deal with yourself," she said.

Speaking of the personality projection, Mrs. Morgan said its greatest strength is people working together; "It's one course where you get to know other people."

Learn group role

"There are very few situations where people work in isolation, you have to learn what your role is in a group."

Mrs. Morgan regrets the fact there will not be enough time in one year to do everything she wants to do. "I would like to take another year but I have other committments to my family," she said.

"I love teaching, I love learning and I love people," Mrs. Morgan said.

A conversation with her makes that obvious.

Changes name to applied management

The business division of the School of Business has been re-named the division of applied management.

"We decided to re-name it because we felt the new name more fully describes the purpose and function of the division," said Arnot P. McIntee, dean of the School of Business.

The school offers a number of management training programs in which students are given the opportunity for various fields of management; these different areas make up the division of applied management, Mr. McIntee said.

"It seemed appropriate to change the name of the business division to make it less confusing with the title of the school itself," he said.

The division of applied management comprises personnel, financial, retail,hotel, industrial and marketing management courses.

"It is now specifically stated that within the division of applied management we teach management," Mr. McIntee said.

Nigerian student awarded grant for summer travel

One Niagara student is assured of a summer of travel this year, thanks to the Ontario Teachers Federation.

Henry Enyenihi, second year human relations, was awarded a $400 grant from the Blanche Shell Estate Fund to travel in Canada this summer. The grant is administered by the Ontario Teachers Federation.

The grant is available to students from developing countries only. The student must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution in Ontario or be taking a recognized educational program. The purpose is to allow foreign students to broaden their knowledge of Canadian geography, life and culture.

Henry, a Nigerian, intends to go to Ottawa to visit Parliament, the National Archives and other national institutions. After the initial phase of his travel, he is to report to the teachers federation on his experiences. Henry said he would like to go to the Maritimes after Ottawa so he could see a bit of the country.

HENRY ENYENIHI

The grant is made known to the heads of post-secondary institutions in the fall. George repar, head of counselling, contacted Henry about applying for the grant. The student applying for the grant normally has a recommendation from the head of his institution.

Smugglers beware

Border officials keen on smallest of details

By NELLE OOSTEROM

If a border customs official asks "Have you anything to declare?" the reply should be "Yes, I declare it's a very fine day today. Not too warm, but lots of sun."

Customs officials are not supposed to phrase the question that way, Richard Stroud, part-time law and security instructor said. It's too vague.

"Instead, they should ask something like 'Have you acquired or received any goods while you were out of the country?'," he said.

Mr. Stroud has worked in the commercial end of customs operations for 36 years and started teaching Canada Customs and Excised at Niagara two years ago. His last post was in Hamilton, where he was regional manager of customs.

The course he instructs, for second-year law and security students and working customs officers who seek promotion, trains students for work in border operations and handling duties and taxes on exported goods. he teaches both day and extension classes.

Dealing with people is an important part of the job, he said. Determining when a person is lying is difficult.

"People are not suspicious looking, people act in furtive ways."

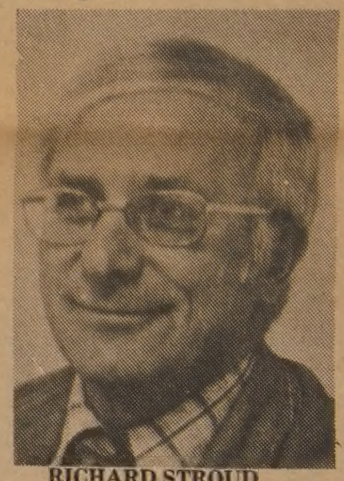
LITTER REVEALING

A border official's suspicions are aroused when he sees a sales receipt or an empty watch carton on the floor of the car, he said. Manner of response, facial expression and an air of evasiveness will give any would-be smuggler away.

"A customs official must keep his ears as well as his eyes open and pay attention to small details."

Drugs are a large problem. Officers in Niagara falls and Fort Erie seize drugs every hour of the day, he said. Offenders are almost always young.

"If a young person smells of marijauna or looks like he's under the influence, he is immediately checked. I doubt very much if I were to go across the border that I would be suspected," Mr. Stroud said.



RICHARD STROUD

Mr. Stroud has worked in Toronto, Kitchener, Windsor, Ottawa and Hamilton as a customs official and has taught and arranged courses in customs, part-time, for most of his career. He retired a year ago.

Excise duties and taxes constitute a sizeable revenue, he said. His Hamilton office took in $4 million a month and the port in Toronto takes in $1 million a day.

Commends story on birth control

Regarding the article on birth control that appeared in the Feb. 2 edition of the Niagara News, Dr. Gerald Alexander, college physician, said he had had girls visit him commending the article.

He said it had clarified details about birth control that they had not been aware of.

However, Dr. Alexander took exception to a sentence about abortions that stated, "...He will recommend them (abortions) for a student who comes to him requesting one,..." He said he doesn't recommend abortions, he merely refers the patient to an appropriate doctor.

CLC labor program to be held at Niagara

About 250 delegates from peninsula labor unions will take part in a weekend training institute at Niagara College, April 16 and 17. The program's objective will be to further educate and update area unionists on labor's legal and social responsibilities and meeting procedures.

The Ontario Region branch of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) will conduct the program in co-operation with Niagara peninsula labour councils and the college's labor studies division.

Sean O'Flynn, labor studies coordinator, said the college's role will be to provide the facilities and handle registration.

"It will be our responsibility to see to it that the setting is right for a proper learning experience." Seminar leaders will be provided by the CLC and the Ontario Federation of Labor.

The institute will comprise a series of courses highlighting specific areas of labor responsibilities and bargaining procedures.

Lectures will include collective bargaining and current arbitration methods which will encompass negotiation and the preparation of a grievance case and the legal requirements involved.

Another topic will be parliamentary procedures at a union meeting, stressing the importance of democratic organization, Mr. O'Flynn said.

Labor has always been in the vanguard of social change, Mr. O'Flynn said, and in line with this, one topic will be labor's social responsibility to the community, under which "anything to do with the quality of life" will be discussed. Mr. O'Flynn cited human rights and civil liberties as examples of this topic.

A course on steward training will discuss policing of contracts and grievance procedure.

The Workmen's Compensation Act and recent changes in it will also be discussed.

Jim Brechin, CLC's Ontario Region director of education, and Joan Duerden, chairperson of the education committee for area labor councils, will co-ordinate the seminar leaders.

A banquet and dance will be held at the Niagara falls Union Centre Saturday night.

Clifford Pilkey, recently appointed president of the CLC, is tentatively scheduled to be the guest speaker at the banquet.

In a telephone conversation with the Niagara News Feb. 23, Mr. Pilkey's secretary said this has not been definitely confirmed with the CLC.

If Mr. Pilkey is forced to cancel the engagement it will be the result of a time factor in his schedule, she said.

Don't shoot! Get advice

When students "get head-over-heels in debt and are about to shoot themselves," they should reconsider and talk to the people at the Credit Counselling service of Regional Niagara, St.Catharines, according to Bernard Harrison, Niagara College instructor. He is a voluntary director at the province-run, free counselling service.

The organization is willing to talk to creditors to try to reduce interest rates or extend payment time.

Mr. Harrison said he is astonished by the debts incurred by young people who have charged such things as cars, furniture, stereos, "you name it."

He said there are debts in excess of $10,000—"amounts that would paralyse you."

Although the service c an't lend money, it has been highly successful in the past two years in counselling and advising.

It is situated at 11 Bond St., St. Catharines; telephone, 685-7577.

Knight fails in Simcoe: Kukla

The Niagara Knight campaign has not failed but students and staff in the Simcoe Building have, Myron Kukla, information officer, said.

"On the whole, around campus, it has been a success," he said,"But I would agree it's a failure in the Simcoe Building."

The campaign was designed to inform students and staff about cuts in cleaning and energy budgets but some people have not helped and, therefore, it has not worked, he said.

He said he has been assessing the situation since December and "the improvement in other areas has been great."

Methods of getting the problem in the Simcoe Building alleviated are being considered, he said, but none has been decided on.

Asked if there was a possibility of removing the vending machines from the building, he said, "I have no authority to comment on that."

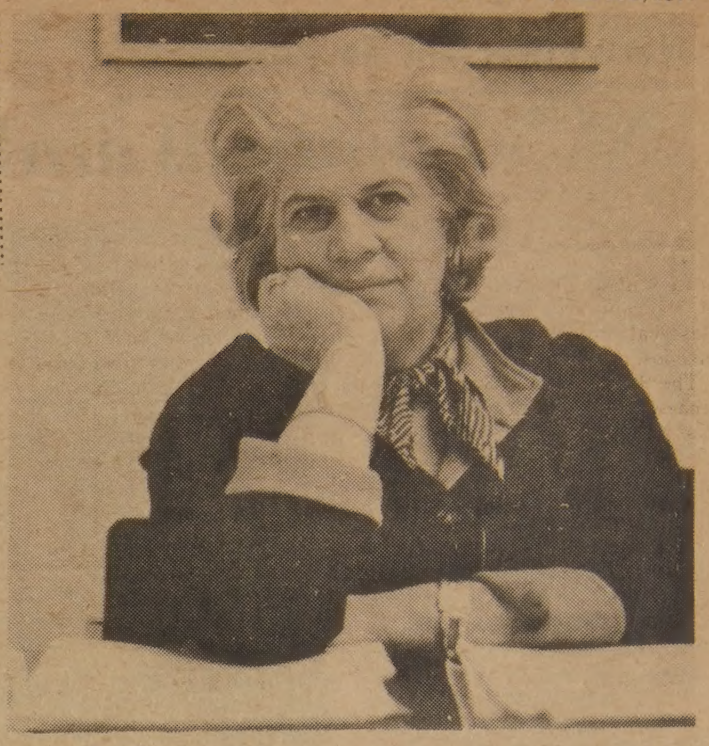
Mr. Kukla commended the Niagara News for the paper's focus on the campaign.

Nurses to be pinned this April

The annual pinning banquet for second year nursing students, from both campuses, is being planned for either April 4 or 18.

The pins will be given to the second year students by students in the first year.

The pins, worn on the bands of the nursing caps, are a smaller replica of the second year's graduation pins



Marie Bramble is the chairman of the committee responsible for setting up the pilot program for fashion arts designers.
(Photo by Oosterom)

Fashion instructors go back to school

By NELLE OOSTEROM

Some instructors at community colleges and universities have been out of their fields so long that concern is being expressed that they may be teaching outdated concepts, Marie Bramble, co-ordinator of fasion arts said.

As a result, a pilot program for instructors in fashion design has been developed to re-acquaint them with the industry. Mrs. Bramble is the chairman of the ad hoc committee responsible for setting up the program.

Scheduled to start this May, the six-week working program will take place in manufacturing plants. At the end of the course, participants must present a thesis to the Canada Fashion Council's ad hoc committee and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

ONLY FASHION

If the program is successful, similar courses for instructors in other specialty areas will be set in future. Only fashion design is offering this updating course.

"If we become outdated, we will be presenting the student with outdated information," she said.

Her concern is shared by both industry and educational institutions. Since community colleges have been in existance for 10 years, it's inevitable that some long-time instructors have not kept pace with changes in their fields, she said.

"Sure, we constantly receive material to inform us of changes, but reading a book is not the same thing as working in the industry," she said.

The fashion industry is complex and constantly evolving, as are most fields, she said. Employees have not complained, but are concerned about graduates coming in unprepared and unaware of changes.

ONLY FIVE

The Professional Development program for fashion instructors will only accept five applicants this year, because it is still in an experimental stage.

"We want to iron out the bugs in the program first."

About 20 applications have been received, far more than anticipated. One of the applicants is Louis Berai, fashion arts instructor at Niagara College.

Two types of programs will be available. One, for those holding a degree, will make it possible to earn half credit towards a masters degree. The second, for instructors not holding a recognized university degree, will go towards achieving an adult education certificate.

PIONEER DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Bramble stressed that this program is a pioneer development and that all specialty areas in community colleges and universities are taking an interest in developing similar programs for instructors in each field.

Mrs. Bramble, a Fasion Council board member, has chaired the 14-member committee responsible for developing the pilot program for almost a year-and-a-half.

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In gym

A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held in the gym at Niagara this Friday.

The clinic is open to all residents of Welland and will be staffed by Red Cross personnel and a few college students. The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will provide coffee and doughnuts for donors.

The clinic will operate from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

All dressed up and nowhere to go

These second year interior design students are not heading for a masquerade but are dolled up to take on the personalities of characters they assumed for a public speaking class with Ted Morgan Feb. 18. Left to right are: Pilar Torm, Laura Hubert, Naomi Walsh, Marion McIntyre, Cathy Henderson, Donna Marinacci, Shari Hakker, Shelley Minoian and Sandy Leja-Ingersoll. (Photo by Monck)

Strolling classical musicians serenade your euchre games

Don't be surprised if, while you are playing your noon-hour game of euchre during the Celebrate Canada Festival March 17 to 19, you are serenaded by classical musicians in black tuxedos.

The St. Catharines Symphony orchestra which will be on campus for the three days of the festival intend to spread themselves across the college in small groups, taking their music to the students.

In a meeting of applied arts instructors Feb. 22, John Muggeridge, Niagara's Canadian Studies specialist, discussed plans for the college and community celebration. Mr. Muggeridge and Gail Hilyer, chairperson of applied arts extension, are jointly co-ordinating the festival.

Mr. Muggeridge said a positive mood should be created without having negative events such as a separatism debate taking place.

"Let's make it a real *festival*," he said. "We don't want it to be too heavy."

One hundred dollars to come from the Student Administrative Council (SAC), will be used to hire two dog teams. The teams, hailing from Milton, Ont., will race on the football field. If there is no snow, the sleds have detachable wheels.

PROGRAM CHANGE

One slight change to the program is that the Royal Canadian Air Farce, the CBC comedy troupe, will perform in the gym and not the Hamilton Room as originally stated. They will tape two shows for nation-wide broadcast at 8 p.. Thursday, March 17. This will last about two hours.

About 100 artists will offer their wares on the open market at the arts and crafts display to be held all three days outside the library.

SAC is sponsoring a beard-growing contest, a car rally and hay rides from building to building on the campus. There is plenty of money in the SAC coffers that can be made available to students with good ideas for the festival, Guido Rapone, SAC vice-president, said.

Steve Casson, first-year health science preparation and a hot-air balloon enthusiast, is planning to have a balloon on campus—weather and wind conditions permitting.

Lyle Glover, graphic arts instructor, is organizing an applied arts craft show to be part of the larger show. "Don't be shy!" Mr. Glover said in a memo. "Let's hear from all you quilt-makers and crystal set builders—as soon as possible please."

Other attractions already planned include a performance by a well known French-Canadian choir in this area, Chorale Rouli-Roulant, which will sing folk songs on the steps by the library; a play performed by the Carousel players in the Hamilton Room; and an "authentic" Indian girl who will appear in full regalia, and will bring artifacts.

Any enquiries or suggestions should be made through Myron Kukla, college information officer, Ms Hilyer, or Mr. Muggeridge.

The idea for the festival originated with Ms Hilyer and Mr. Muggeridge who wanted to combine two things: a desire to involve students in a celebration of the Canadian heritage, and the success of the craft exhibition during the International Women's Year Festival in April, 1975.

Get free tickets

Air Farce, symphony

Admission is free to performances by the CBC's Royal Cana dian Air Farce and the St. Catharines Symphony orchestra during Niagara's Celebrate Canada Festival.

But admission is by ticket only and, as these events are open to the entire community, Gail Hilyer, chairperson of the extension division of applied arts, urged students to obtain their tickets as soon as possible.

Ticket outlets are at the front office in Hennepin Hall; the St. Catharines Library, Church Street, St. Catharines; the Niagara Falls Library, Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls, and the Shunpiker, Main Street West, Welland.

One dollar will be charged for tickets to a poetry luncheon featuring Charles Hayter reading the works of Canadian poet Robert Service at noon on the Saturday of the festival.

Poetry tickets enabling the holder to get sandwiches and beverages will be available at the information desk to be set up in the lobby of the Simcoe Building from the Wednesday afternoon until Saturday afternoon.

The symphony concert will be at 8.30 Saturday night at Centennial High School. Free refreshments will be served in Centennial's cafeteria following the concert and the public are invited to meet the members of what the Globe and Mail called, "the second best symphony orchestra in Ontario."

A Nanticoke representative indicates point of interest to Niagara students on a field trip. (Photo by VanTilborg)

Tech. students visit Nanticoke

The perfect place to build a power plant is a community called "some place else," Niagara students on a field trip were told Feb. 17.

The statement was made by Colin Hendry, a spokesman for the generating plant at Nanticoke, speaking to 47 Niagara students, members and non-members of IEEE, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

The plant burns 1,500 to 1,600 tons of coal an hour, he said. It is 20 storeys high and is the largest coal burning station in the world.

The first four units of the plant were built in 1968. It doubled in size in 1971. When completed it will have cost $800 million.

About $25 million is being spent on environmental equipment and programs. A monitoring network was set up in 1970 to keep track of the environmental impact on the surrounding communities.

These programs seem to be working as "the fish are coming back," Mr. Hendry said.

There were ducks swimming in the water discharged to the lake from the plant.

SAC celebrates

Student Administrative Council (SAC) involvement in the Celebrate Canada Festival March 17 to 19 includes helping to promote Three Penny Opera, organizing a car rally, providing prizes for the beard-growing contest and distributing college memorabilia to students.

SAC has been approached by the Celebrate Canada Festival Committee to help promote the college production of Three Penny Opera, Adam Macsai, SAC president, said at a SAC general meeting Feb. 22.

SAC has agreed to help promote the show but details of a promotion campaign have not been decided. It could take the form of giving away free tickets for the show at a pub, giving free tickets for a pub away at the play or giving free beer at a pub to holders of tickets for the play, Adam said.

Since the Winter Carnival car rally was a big success, the Celebrate Canada Festival Committee members asked SAC to organize one for the festival. The proposition was passed unanimously at the Feb. 22 meeting.

Adam said the committee would have been prepared to go ahead with the rally without SAC's help but they would have had to charge an admission fee to provide money for prizes.

Awards for the beard-growing contest will be $25 for first prize in each of the five categories. The categories are best try, the fullest, the longest, best groomed for an already grown beard and best groomed for a new beard. The contest will be judged March 17.

Adam said he thought $25 was a reasonable amount to give the winners because SAC has a surplus and the money should be turned back to the students.

An additional amount, up to $50 was set aside to provide other prizes in the contest.

SAC will also distribute bundles of yearbooks and orientation booklets to students to commemorate the last 10 years of the college.

Guido Rapone, SAC executive vice-president, said that about 1,000 yearbooks a year are not sold and they could be bundled up and given to students free with orientation booklets.

Adam said the yearbooks are not salable any more and they are just lying in the cupboards and basement of the college collecting dust.

TV debate

Nuclear waste/cancer

By NELLE OOSTEROM

We may be dying from lung cancer caused by nuclear waste. This statement was made by author Fred Knelman in a television debate with Alan Wyatt, former Niagara College dean of faculty and now Ontario vice-president of Canatom Ltd., a nuclear engineering consultant firm.

They debated the pros and cons of nuclear power Feb. 22 on the program, The Education of Mike McManus on Channel 19.

Mr. Knelman, author of Nuclear Energy: The Unforgiving Technology, said there are still too many dangers involved in harnessing nuclear power to make it a feasible energy source. Mr. Wyatt, however, said the dangers are exaggerated and nuclear energy is no more harmful than other forms.

Can nuclear wastes be safely stored?

Not with our present technology, Mr. Knelman said. Mr. Wyatt's reply was the amount of waste is minuscule compared to waste produced by coal and other forms of energy.

ONLY TAKES ONE

It only takes one microgram of plutonium to cause death by lung cancer, Mr. Knelman replied. If one millionth of the seven tons of nuclear waste now in the atmosphere were to reach the earth, two million people would die.

The lung cancer death rate goes up by two per cent every year in the United States, he said. Whether nuclear waste is a factor involved, "we simply don't know," but multiple causes are certainly involved.

Another danger involved in harnessing nuclear energy is that terrorist groups could use it as a form of blackmail, Mr. Knelman said.

"I find this in the realm of science fiction," Mr. Wyatt said.

Mr. Knelman admitted it would take highly skilled technologists to construct a bomb, but the possibility of using plutonium waste as a toxin is not far-fetched.

"There exists, in several parts of the world, highly trained specialists who could be available to a terrorist group," he said.

ALL MINING DANGEROUS

Uranium miners, even at permissible levels of contamination, are exposed to lung cancer risks, Mr. Knelman said.

Even under the safest coal mining conditions, 20 times as many coal miners die from lung cancer as uranium miners, he said.

The comparison is misleading, his opponent said, because the effects of nuclear contamination are long-term and the number of theoretical deaths in uranium mining "exceeds by a considerable amount" the number who die in coal mining.

Mr. Knelman said the population is not being sufficiently informed on the dangers of nuclear technology. He said he could accept nuclear energy if he knew that the Canadian people supported it.

Authors at Canada Day

Canadian authors Farley Mowat and Morley Callaghan will take part in Canada day at Mohawk College, Hamilton, April 22 and 23.

Canada Day which originated in Port Colborne has been held at Mohawk for two years. Niagara College was considered, but the Niagara Regional English Committee which runs the program decided Mohawk had better facilities, Dennis Malone, chairman of English, said.

Writers Margaret Laurence, John Robert Columbo, Max Braithwaite, Margaret Atwood, Leonard Cohen and Hugh McLennan will also take part.

Mohawk has "more room, a huge auditorium and its location is more central," Mr. Malone said.

Canada Day will cost $20 for two days, including lunches.

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